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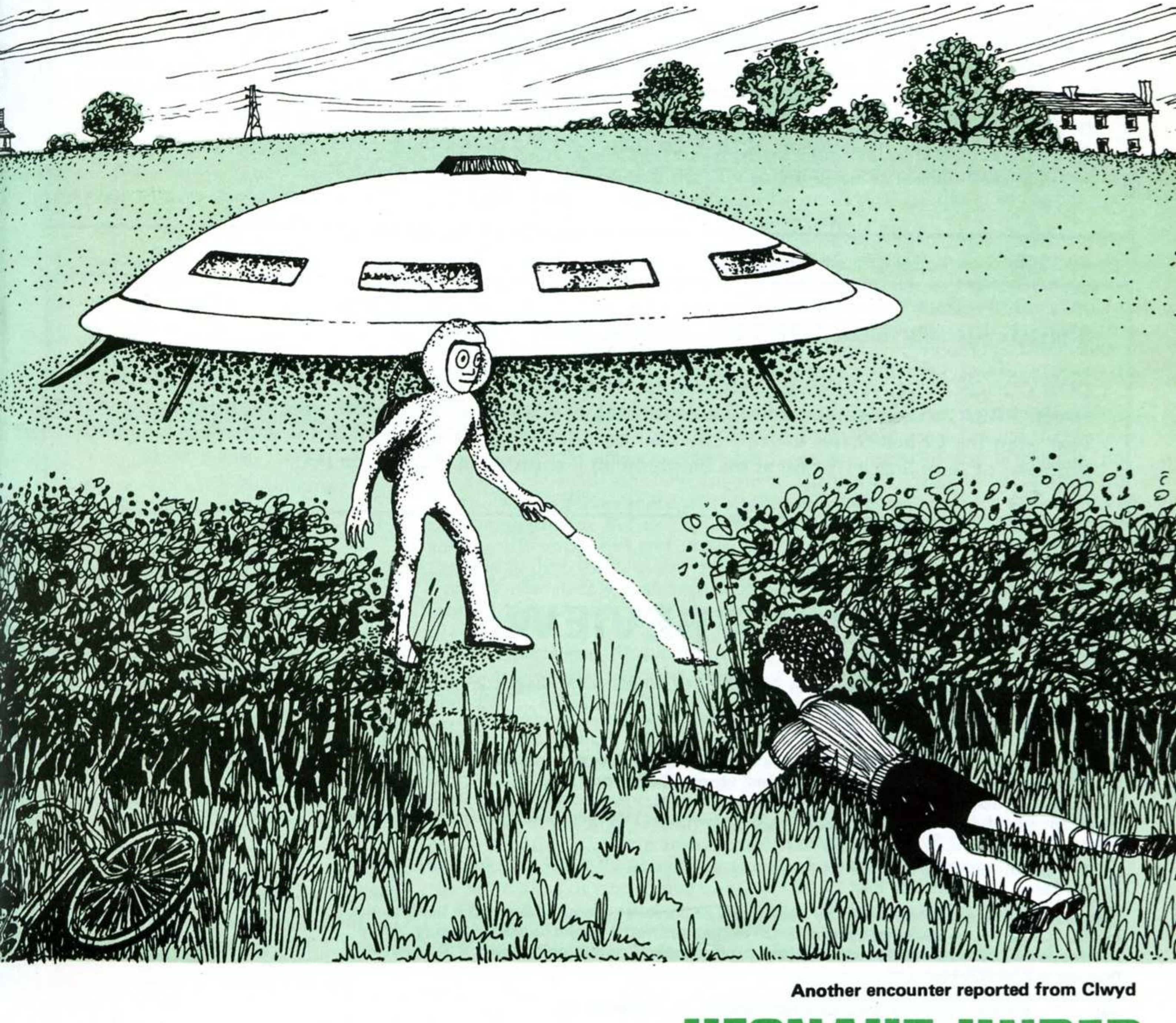

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A NEED FOR AN INSTITUTE

AS readers will have observed in recent issues of *Flying Saucer Review*, steps have been taken to form an Institute for UFO Studies. It has long been felt that there is a real need for such a body.

Four years ago a first attempt to establish an Institute foundered on the rocks of insufficient preparation and inadequate advice. Fortunately, however, the idea did not die, and a good deal of time, and great care, are being accorded our present preparations.

Ultimately the goal is to attract not only dedicated and hard-working people who have been involved with the investigation, collection and study of UFO reports, but also, possibly, to draw in those from outside ufology who might otherwise not take an active interest in the problem. Hopefully these would be people who could apply new ideas from beyond the confines of the subject; people of talent and experience attracted from different fields who could well have something new to say.

What is envisaged is a body of multi-disciplinary personnel with an interest in the subject coming forward not only from among the various branches of the sciences, but also from the ranks of the historians, theologians, classical scholars, linguists, anthropologists, archaeologists and so on. For, whereas there will always be a need to consider the reports of random lights in the sky — concentrating on those of high strangeness and significance, but not neglecting the rest — we have never concealed the fact that our main interest lies in objects or phenomena of exceptional strangeness reported nearer at hand, perhaps even on the ground, frequently with strangely behaved, bizarre or even grotesque occupants.

The questions that need to be asked, and probed, are legion. The following, we feel, are the main ones as far as the welfare of the human race is concerned:-

Are we on Earth confronted with the activities of extraterrestrial visitors who are conducting routine surveillances of our planet, some or all of whom are perhaps capable of creating other phenomena which to humans is of a psychic nature, and of instilling in human minds images of things they wish to see?

If the foregoing is not the case, are we then witnessing sporadic materialisations of ultraterrestrials, or denizens of mysterious parallel universes, or of elemental beings, all of them equally capable of creating the same kind of phenomena and images?

Or, as has been expressed by some UFO witnesses and contact claimants, are we humans witnessing the works of the Devil?

Relative to these broad and complex questions is the need to take cognisance of the social impact of the phenomenon, the urge among many of those devoted to the subject to establish neo-religious cults, and the wish prevalent among them to "*believe* in flying saucers and their 'messages of goodwill' " at any cost.

Over the years we have gathered in much evidence of the UFO phenomenon, a study of which would seem to suggest each or any of the

possibilities set out above, as well as the disturbing social side-effects which, unhappily, have always been a source of embarrasment. Where *we* may be running out of ideas, a multi-disciplinary membership of an Institute could provide the drive for a much-needed fresh apprasial of the subject.

MORE ON DAPPLE GRAY LANE

Ann Druffel

THE strange encounter case which occurred on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in California, USA, and which was published in FSR (Volume 23, Nos. 1 and 2, 1977) remained somewhat unique in UFO literature. Readers might remember that the incident concerned the sighting of a non-humanoid entity by two young men, John Hodges and Pete Rodriguez. The entity, according to Hodges, was shaped "like a brain," and later contacted him after he had been transported into a holographic-type "room" where it communicated at length with him and warned him that the human race was facing atomic destruction. John Hodges was, and is, a Southland UFO researcher himself.

In my previous article, entitled *Encounter on Dapple Gray Lane: Parts I and II,* I pointed out that one of the main weaknesses of the case was that the secondary witness, Pete Rodriguez, originally refused to be hypnotically regressed, thereby failing to support certain statements by John Hodges made under hypnosis, and which filled in a short time-lapse occurring during the encounter.

However, Rodriguez later consented to hypnotic exploration of the time-lapse period. Rodriguez' change of mind was brought about by a series of interviews with James Durkin, an investigator at that time for the Center for UFO Studies. I have worked closely with Durkin on other Southland UFO cases. He is acquainted personally with Rodriguez, and through his efforts, Rodriguez' curiousity about UFO research and his own experience on Dapple Grey Lane increased considerably. Durkin, however, avoided giving Rodriguez any details about information obtained from Hodges through hypnotic regression.

Since our original hypnotist, W. C. McCall, M.D., was not available, I became a qualified hypnotist in August, 1977, through a course of study with the American Institute of Hypnosis in Los Angeles. I regressed Rodriguez on January 29, 1978, with James Durkin as witness.

Rodriguez was a good subject, rather easily slipping into a light trance. In the first few minutes of the session, he shifted between past and present tense as he described his encounter. His statements regarding the reddish-grey rounded creature corroborated his conscious-memory statements, which were included in the original article. Added details, however, were numerous, and the emotional content and confusion expressed by the witness was plainly evident. Both emotion and confusion were almost absent in prior conscious-memory interviews with Pete.

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PR: "Everything looked wet. Maybe it was raining... I think I saw it first... on the side of the raod, near the ivy.

"It's a strange looking object almost as big as a volley ball... I didn't look at it probably as long as I would have wanted to... and hurriedly ran to the car... I jumped in... and he [Hodges] turned on the car... It's just like I couldn't turn my head and see... It's like it didn't want me to look at it too long and we were both nervous and kind of shaken. It seemed like it happened so fast, and then again it seemed like it *didn't*... As we were leaving, I looked back... but the whole area... kind of hazed or disappeared...

"Then, even though it was misty or foggy or cool it was just like I was quite warm, and I'm sure I had a thin jacket on."

Slipping into a moderately deep trance, Rodriguez continued, reliving now, instead of remembering.

PR: "I *have* a thin jacket on... I feel warm... yet outside it was cool... Yet after passing, or seeing, this object... I feel warm when I was running to the car. I feel warm now... the top part of my body, moving downward; my feet are cold.

"When I got home... I got undressed to cool off, lay on the bed, and I was still thinking, wondering what had happened... I want to get cool, like when you're in... a hot room or something.

"My mind is just wandering, what is going on, what did I see, what was... where's John! that's what I'm wondering. He dropped me off and it seems like I... like he could be somewhere else, but yet close.

Hodges was *not* close. He was miles away from Pete's house, sitting in his car in front of his own home. The statement seems illogical. Was Rodriguez psychically attuned to Hodges at this time when he described John like "he was somewhere else, but yet close?" For at the same time Rodriguez was attempting to cool off in his home, Hodges was experiencing a second encounter with the brain-like entity. He had seemingly been transported through blackness, then found himself in a "room" talking to the entity and viewing scenes of atomic destruction on a large screen. In the room, also, were seven or eight grey-skinned humanoids who seemed to be working with console-like, lighted panels. This second encounter seemed to Hodges like a "super-advanced hologram or projection."

Rodriguez continued, now in lighter trance, but still bringing out previously suppressed memories.

PR: "I wanted to go to sleep, still thinking of what I'd seen and what I'd... felt and what I had... *heard!* As I passed the object I... heard a noise from the ground... It seemed like a combination of a hum... and a movement of two things together that were... soft and yet wet... kind of like a fish, almost. A fish makes noise when the gills open and close, with the wetness... I think harder and harder and I think that's what helped me go to sleep."

The noise Rodriguez heard might be very revealing. Did the sound have the purpose of hypnotizing the witnesses, so that the entity could help them *perceive* it? Much research has been done lately in the United States designed to test the validity of hypnosis in retrieving time-lapse memories of UFO encounters. *Some researchers such as James Harder and Bert E. Schwarz suggest that witnesses are hypnotized at the time of the encounter, and that these memories are later retrievable through hypnosis.* It is possible that the *hypnotized state is necessary* in order to perceive UFO close encounters.

If the memory of the "wet, soft" sound helped Rodriguez go to sleep after the frightening experience, it could well have been hypnotic in nature.

Rodriguez did not state that the barely-audible

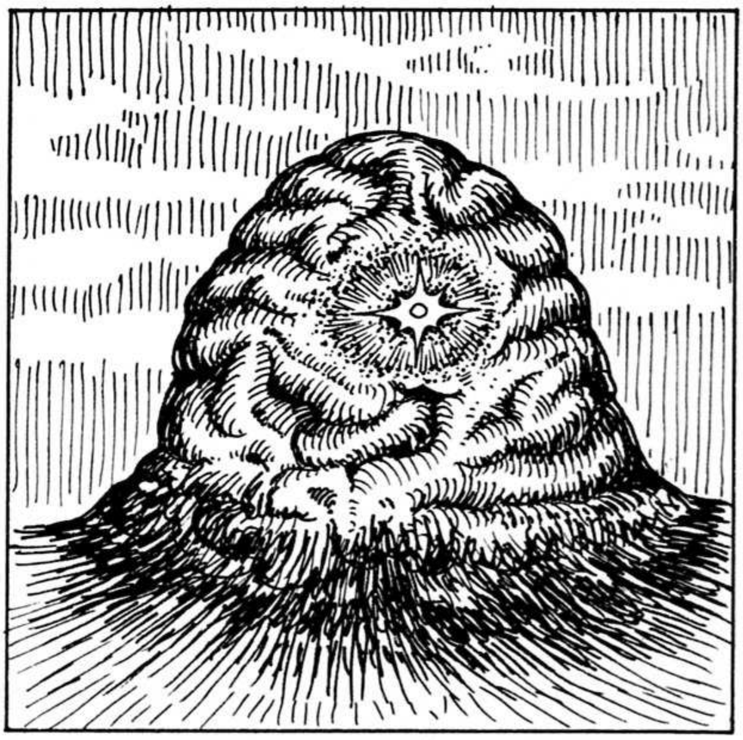


Figure 1 Rodriguez' sketch of entity

sound came *from* the reddish, crevasse-lined entity. I tried subtly to *lead* him to say that the sound emanated directly from the creature, but failed. He contended that the sound came from the *vicinity* where the entity sat on the road. Rodriguez passed very near the creature. Could the sound have been directly stimulating his own brain?

Although Hodges remembered two entities, one quite small, Rodriguez' memory, even bolstered in trance, is that of only *one*, the large one described by Hodges (see Figure 1, Rodriguez' sketch drawn after the hypnotic session). His sketch does not differ substantially from that drawn during the conscious-memory interview conducted on April 17, 1976. The main difference is that the "red spot" drawn on the left side of the rounded object is indicated as "sparkly" in the subsequent sketch. Was this "sparkly" appearance also a part of a subtle hypnotic technique perpetrated upon the witness by the entity?

Rodriguez' verbal description was greatly enhanced in hypnosis. He found it difficult to define precisely, carefully stating; "It's not very tall at all. Kind of... round on top... kind of rigid... crevasses or lines or something with depth... kind of flat on the bottom, reddish in colour. I think maybe the crevasses or ridges... gave it its black, darker effect. Seems like... I couldn't see the back of it."

Rodriguez maintained that perhaps the object "did not have a back," and could not even picture or imagine what the back looked like. Was he seeing a holographic projection, instead of an actual physical object? This would fit in with Hodges' description of the holographic "room" which he saw a few minutes after dropping Rodriguez off. Perhaps *both* phases of the encounter were holographic in nature.

Rodriguez was closely questioned about any further view of the entity he may have had after he

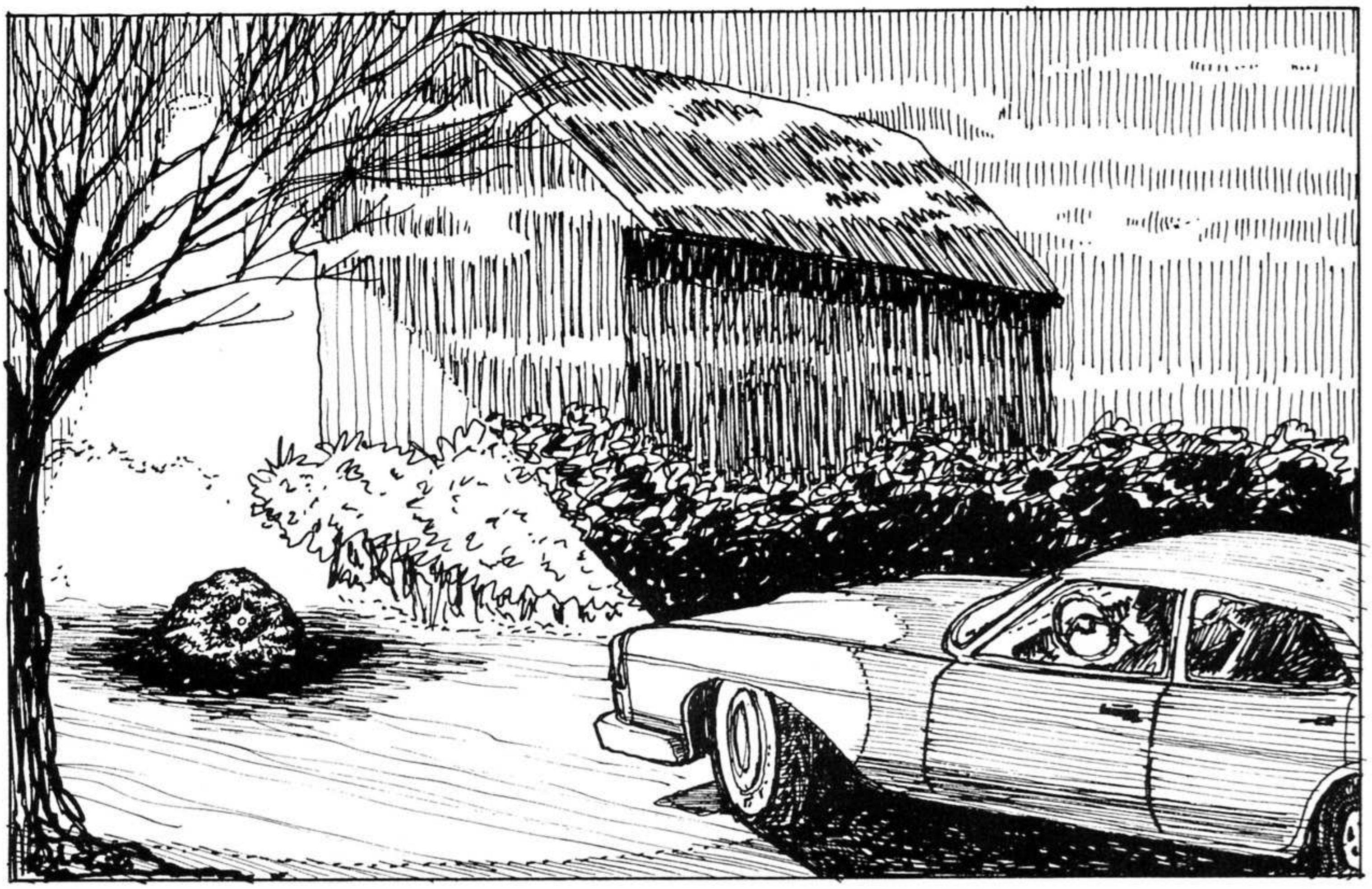


Figure 2: based on sketch drawn by Rodriguez after hypnotic session

got into the car. This was in an attempt to corroborate Hodges' statements under regression that the entity floated above the hood of the car and spoke to him telephathically. Rodriguez, however, could not recall any such experience, although he did bring out the following:

PR: "I got in the car, slid over as fast as I could, then John was behind me... but it seemed like it only took me three or four seconds after seeing the object to get to the car, another second or two to slide in, but it seems like it took John longer than that... He's running toward the car... like he's not running too fast."

Later, Rodriguez stated that John seemed to be running in slow motion. Was the object causing a time abberation, creating two different rates of time-passage... one for Hodges, another for Rodriguez? Hodges does not remember running in slow motion to get to the car, but *does* remember the object floating up over the car's hood to communicate very briefly with him. The time element here... several seconds... is about the same as passed for Rodriguez while he was watching Hodges run slowly towards the car. This is a striking example how proximity to UFOs and/or occupants can sometimes cause time aberrations for witnesses.

Rodriguez also described a beam of diffuse light coming from behind trees on the left hand side of the lonely road. It seemed hazy and was white in colour, but all attempts to identify its source met with no success.

After the session, Rodriguez drew a diagram of the scene, including the beam of light shining down at an approximate 45 degree angle (see Figure 2). There is an implication here that a UFO was in the sky behind the trees, possibly associated with the strange creature in the road, but Rodriguez would not embellish his statements to even suggest the possibility. The general lack of embellishment in Rodriguez' description seems to confirm him as a careful, honest witness.

Rodriguez, when questioned in hypnosis about the date of the encounter named a Friday night, but was uncertain about the date. He felt it was early winter, 1970. Hodges named August 17, 1971 with fair certainty.

Rodriguez had *never* referred, in conscious-memory statements, to the entity as "brain-like." Yet under hypnosis, when asked what he thought the object in the road was, he paused, then said, "I think it just might be a brain."

He did not know *what kind of brain*, surely not human because of its large size, however. He said he did not think the brain was there to "talk" to him, but that it was "more or less looking, listening up there, more than anything else."

The encounter scene seemed "misty or wet" during the time Rodriguez was near the brain, but as he looked back from the speeding car, the same

scene was encased in "dense fog" almost as wide as the street. This abberation of the atmosphere might be added evidence that the encounter did, indeed, take place in a kind of altered reality.

Rodriguez could not remember any subsequent visits by the entity in the road and did not think his life had been changed in any way by the encounter. There were no lasting effects from the strange feeling of "warmth" felt during and after the incident.

In general, Rodriguez' hypnotic session corroborated Hodges' statements to a considerable degree, adding strength and credibility to the case.

In view of the information which came out of Rodriguez' hypnosis session, Hodges was again regressed on February 9, 1978. Hodges suspected consciously that he had had a subsequent visit from *one of the grey-skinned entities* he had seen in the "room" to which he was somehow transported after the Dapple Gray Lane encounter.

It should be reiterated here that John Hodges himself is a Southern California UFO researcher with a major U.S. organization. For that reason, pseudonyms have been used for both witnesses at their request.

Under hypnosis, Hodges relived hearing the voice of the brain-like entity twice since the Dapple Gray incident. While sitting on a beach with a girlfriend in 1975, he heard the voice tell him that war was going to come soon and that the human race "had wasted too much time."

"I keep hearing these voices, and I don't even remember them after I hear them," recounted Hodges, showing great fear and strain. He remembered a mist enveloping the car at the time the voice spoke to him.

Hodges also recalled another time he heard the "brain's" voice. The date is uncertain, but before 1975 and *after* 1971. He was driving and talking with Pete Rodriguez near Royal Palm Beach.

"Suddenly I hear this voice and it says, 'We will meet soon.' I'm still talking to Pete, and I don't remember hearing it."

Hodges then relived hearing the *same voice* for the fourth time, on January 28, 1978, a few days before the second hypnotic session.

JH: "... I feel the buzz and I see one of the humanoids from the room. He seems to be telling me I have done well. I have been a good messenger. He tells me there are some things I should know."

Hodges went on to describe, in an almost constant flow of memory, now *the grey-skinned humanoids* seen in the holographic "room" *were the intelligent entities* connected with his and Rodriguez' encounter. He explained that *the brain-like entity(s) were merely "translators"*... composed of living but essentially non-intelligent tissue... used by the humanoids to communicate with earth witnesses. He stated that in every UFO encounter, a similar "translator" is present whether visible to the witness or not. These translators can be any size, ranging from a single living cell, upward. The one on Dapple Gray Lane was an "old translator", which had grown large like living tissue.

Hodges then launched into a full range of prophecies, allegedly given him by the grey-skinned entity which had appeared to him in a holographic-type vision on January 28, 1978. These were all delivered in moderately deep trance and included the following:

1. The UFO phenomenon is building up to official worldwide contact. This will occur immediately after a world war, the general destruction of which will draw the human race together. The official UFO contact will be made in order to sustain peace and will be the start of our acceptance as "children of the galaxies." The date will be about 1987.

2. In the early 1980's the Middle East will erupt. Israel will break off diplomatic ties with the U.S. and the Arabs will ally with the Soviet Union. Around 1982, Saudi Arabia will cut off the oil supply to the U.S. and escalate the war. The actual fighting will be first between Arabs and Israelis but will soon spread into the European bloc, and WW III will begin.

3. France and Italy will be hardest hit. The Soviet bloc will spread a limited missile bombardment around the East Coast of the U.S. But the missile-launched atomic warheads will not explode!

Questioning Hodges regarding this strange statement, he explained that no nuclear warhead can be dropped from more than 550 feet and reach critical mass.. He contended that only ground-tested nuclear warheads will reach critical mass. Reminded of the atomic bombardment of Hiroshima and Negasaki in WW II, he stated that the desctruction had been caused by natural earthquakes and that the U.S. had sent out bombers using magnesium termite to create a blinding flash and dispersed fissionable material over the cities to make it appear they had been devastated by nuclear blasts. No amount of debate on this point could shake John Hodges from his certainty on these points.

Continuing with his predictions, Hodges stated:

4. There will be extensive detonation of nuclear warheads on both continents, but these will be carried by terrorist groups into enemy territories and set off at ground level by remote control.

5. The widespread desctruction will bring about fear on both sides that the entire earth would be destroyed, and diplomatic relations will be reopened by 1984. By 1985 world commerce will be common. By 1987 the entire nuclear armament of the U.S. and Soviet bloc will be disarmed. At that time, official contact will be made by the UFOs.

Hodges also alleged that the grey-skinned humanoid he saw in his bedroom on January 28th, 1978 told him that he [Hodges] had been "given the seed of communicating with the galaxy."

JH: "He says that 'we have planted the seed in you, my son, that we may communicate! I think I see the seed... the translator, the brain! They're all the same! The means to communicate... I don't need the brain [entity]... There is a mutation!... This biological mass, this translator, is now within me, and I can

communicate at will... I remember now... Pete and I are walking toward the car. Pete sees the beam of light. I don't see it because it's hitting me and reflecting off the car, and this beam of light... impregnated the tissue... it doesn't hurt. But it's hot... all over my body!"

Hodges clarified that the diffuse beam of light was probably coming from a UFO hidden behind the thick trees, but he, like Rodriguez, could not see the craft. The diffuse, white beam of light did not plant the "translator" in his brain. This was accomplished by a *momentary*, bright directed beam which came down in the middle of the diffuse beam of light.

Hodges described the translator in his own brain as a single-cell brain "synapse" or engram. This cell, once safely implanted had no need to grow larger. It completed a psychic link between his own brain (mind) and the brains (minds) of the grey-skinned humanoids.

He stated that the synapse or communicative link did not function immediately, and therefore, during his subsequent encounter that same evening in the holographic "room", the brain-like entity still seemed to be the intelligent entity, communicating directly with him, while the grey-skinned humanoids posed as background. But by January 28, 1978, the synaptic link was sufficiently workable to allow him to communicate directly with the grey humanoid.

In fact, Hodges stated that he was in constant touch with the humanoids. He said they were from "the region of Zeta Reticuli." During the 1½ hour session, the following information was brought out regarding this "extraterrestrial source":

i. The Zeta Reticuleans are our cultural ancestors. Millenia ago they participated in converting earth's ape-men to homo sapiens, through gene manipulation.

ii. Pete Rodriguez was also given a synaptic translator during the Dapple Gray Lane encounter, but he is not yet aware of it. There are thousands of people alive on earth today who have been given these translators in their brains. These include all genuine UFO contactees (abductees), psychically-talented persons, and many others who are not yet aware.

iii These translators are an actual transfer of a single cell brain syanapse into the human brain, accomplished without surgery. These translators possessed by humans are not all from the same source as "there are many types of humanoids within our galaxy."

iv. The translators supply a missing link in the human brain which allow psychic talents to blossom.

The hypnotic session ended, Hodges admitted that he felt as if the "translator" in his brain had been "nagging" at him ever since August 17, 1971. He felt it was the source of his ability to read and understand technical books, so that he had, in essence, the equivalent of a college education without having completed more than a few months of actual college training.

Hodges displayed a disturbing tendency to philosophize on metaphysical subjects such as creation, the nature of God, and the relationship of man with his Creator. These were not mere theoretical opinions; they were presented as unalterable Fact. I say "disturbing" because his verbosity reminded me of the early contactees of the 1950's who claimed encounters with benevolent, handsome, blond-haired beings from Venus, etc. who discussed philosophical, religious, and socio-economic questions with them. I had distinguished, as had most researchers, between these types of "contactees" whom I considered either deluded or psychotic, and the later rational "abudctees" of the 1970s. The "abductees" for the most part, checked out as stable and honest citizens whose run-in with UFO occupants provided them anything but a charming afternoon aboard a visiting spacecraft. Yet here was John Hodges, a UFO researcher, seemingly on the brink of becoming a 1950-type "contactee".

I cautioned Hodges that the information obtained from UFO sources could not be trusted, and that often it checked out as completely fraudulent. He reiterated his belief that the synaptic link between himself and the extraterrestrial grey humanoids was real, and that the information being fed him seemed to be true.

In spite of this, Hodges maintained his normal, equable nature. He explained that the translator implant was one of the main reasons why some people are telepathic, but that some telepaths had actually mutated their own translators without the aid of UFO entities.

"A chemical reaction of too much DNA here, not enough DNA there, can cause mutation." A sudden spasm of the pituitary gland, sometimes a blow on the head, can cause cerebral fluid to penetrate the convolutions of the brain, and this cerebral fluid reacting with the DNA can easily cause the necessary requirements to mutate the synapse.

He claimed the mutation – the single-cell synaptic translator – can be found by using a sophisticated brain-scan instrument called the EMI. It is his opinion that the translator cell would be somewhat larger, more complicated and having more connections and protrusions than the other cells of the brain. He also thinks it is connected to the frontal lobal area, using the frontal lobes as antennae.

I am not competent to judge the scientific validity of the above, but feel that it should be presented as a new idea which has come from a reliable individual deeply involved in UFO research himself.

A few weeks after the February 9th, 1978 session, John Hodges called. He had come to the conclusion that the UFO entities could not be trusted, and he was trying to suppress the information which he could have "fed" into him at will. The main reason for his distrust was that the entities had told him that frozen bodies of aliens and remains of a crashed saucer were stored at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Checking into his files, Hodges found that the rumours of such retrievals currently being investigated by U.S. researchers, concerned storage facilities at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in *Ohio*. Realizing that this part of his information was erroneous, he decided that he could not trust *any* of the

entities' statements. or at least he was unable to distinguish which facts he was receiving, and had received, were true and which were false. He still maintained, however, that the translator in his brain does exist and that it was implanted at the time of his 1971 encounter in Dapple Gray Lane.

As a follow-up, a check of Hodges' hypnotic statements regarding the inability of nuclear warheads to detonate if delivered from an altitude above 550 feet ground level was discussed with a MUFON physics consultant. The information, as suspected, proved erroneous, as were also his statements regarding the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It has proved impossible to this date to attempt verification of Hodges' statements regarding his single-cell translator, because of the expense of an EMI brain scan. However, I am continuing efforts to find a source for an EMI scan on Hodges' brain. If the translator cell can, indeed, be found and verified, this would add greatly to our knowledge of the UFO phenomenon and of the nature of psychic talents.

At present, Hodges is still deeply involved in UFO research in Southern California.

In spite of the erroneous nature of some of the facts brought out with the aid of Hodges' "translator," this case has been presented in detail because it is an excellent example of how witnesses and particularly UFO "abductees" can be deluded and even harmed by their experiences. Many cases exist of seemingly reliable witnesses who report encounters and then experience disintergration of personality and disruption of their lives. Is it possible that Hodges' claim of synaptic translator implantation is factual? Is it possible that some witnesses, after undergoing this brain mutation, are incapable of effectively handling the flow of information received? Hodges luckily realized the UFO entities are capable of misleading and deluding witnesses, and was able to catch himself before becoming a fully-fledged Messianic contactee.

ANOTHER CLOSE CONTACT ON RÉUNION - Part 2

Lieut-Colonel Lobet

Concluding the account of the traumatic after-effects experienced by a witness after encounter with UFO and occupants. Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton

> This extraordinary case occurred on the slopes of Le Calvaire, a hill some 300 metres outside the township of Petite-Ile near the southern coast of the island of Réunion, lying between Madagascar and Mauritius, in the Indian Ocean. Lt. Col Lobet's excellent and very detailed account was published by *Lumières dans la Nuit* No. 147 (August-September 1975). We are indebted to LDLN's Editoral Committee for permission to reproduce it now in full in *Flying Saucer Review.* — EDITOR

IN Part 1 of this article Antoine Séverin's personal account of the incident of February 14, 1975, was given, together with a declaration by his mother, and statements by his fiancée, neighbours, employer and colleagues. All testimony pointed to the fact that Séverin is a steady and reliable young man who doesn't smoke or drink, and who is not the type to invent stories to draw attention to himself; a young man who reads little and knows little or nothing about either science fiction or flying saucers.

Furthermore a psychiatrist stated that (after the encounter) Severin was in a state of crisis after suffering intense emotional shock, and that he had previously shown no symptoms of a neurological or psychiatric nature.

X — The gist of the Réunion Gendarmerie's reports on the Case

The object seen by the eyewitness was on the slopes of the Calvaire Hill, 300 metres to the west of Petite Ile.

On February 15, two gendarmes went to the home of the witness. He was in bed, in a state of unquestionable prostration. His eyes, wide and staring, were fixed on the unknown. He was unable to reply orally to the question put to him. With intense eagerness, by means of gestures, he describes, with his hands, a round, shining shape. To explain the brightness, he puts his hands horizontally to his eyes a number of times. Then he extends four fingers, indicating that there were four occupants, dressed in white. To indicate the latter feature, he points to the white sheet on his bed. To indicate the height of the beings, he extends his hand at a height of about a metre above the floor. Then he draws a sketch of the machine. He concludes his mimed demonstration by putting his hands first to his ears, then to his forehead, and finally to his eyes. He makes a grimace, and manages to bring out a sharp whistling — rising from very low to crescendo — at the same time twirling the index finger of his right hand, with it

pointed upwards towards the ceiling, thus indicating how the machine rose up and disappeared. Prior to that, when describing the entities, Séverin put his two index fingers up vertically 20 cms. above his head, indicating that they had short antennae, and that the antennae of the third one had moved. By the time the interview was ending he was very worked up, and no longer aware of the presence of the two investigators from the Gendarmerie.

Enquiries were in due course made of the personnel of the Gillot-St. Denis airport. Their reply was that no aircraft or helicopter had been air-borne over the area between 1200 hrs and 1400 hrs on February 14, 1975. The weather at 1300 hrs on that day had been fine, the sky clear, and the Sun was fully visible, quite free of cloud, approximately right overhead. There was no wind, and there had been no rain since February 10. No weather balloons had been released that day.

On February 16, a second visit is paid by the Gendarmerie. Antoine Séverin is still in a "secondary state." He still has not yet recovered the power of speech and, moreover, his sight has become considerably weaker. He is able to take only a few steps and make a few explanations by means of gestures. It seems now, from what we learn from him, that there were *two*[5] portholes on the upper part of the machine, and that he first became aware of the presence of the saucer when he looked about him to find out where the *beeping* noise was coming from.

By February 17, Séverin, still very disturbed, has lost the faculty of both speech and sight. He wants to take us to the place, but on condition that we take armed men with us. Because of his handicapped state, the trip to the spot is put off.

On February 18 he was questioned again. He was still in bed, and still unable to see. Gendarmerie Commandant Legros tested him and his clothing for radioactivity; Results: negative. Dr. Henri tells us he has examined Séverin during the course of today. His diagnosis is not alarming; general condition of the patient: good, but showing anxiety state which may last anywhere from three days to three months and which is due to some strong emotional shock.

On February 19 Séverin was found to have recovered his voice. (No details of this visit are given now, as there was little that was new.)

On February 20 came his first visit to the spot in the jeep driven by Gendarme Cravero. (See full account already given in part 1; Séverin collapsed at the spot and was taken home unconscious.)

On February 24 Séverin agreed to go to the spot once more, this time with a journalist from Saint-Denis, the Island's capital. The minute he had reached the spot and got out of the car, he was overcome by some inexplicable trouble. He waved his hands parallel to the ground; his eyes turned up into his head; his pulse slowed down; the extremities of his limbs turned cold. He was taken back home, and only recovered consciousness half an hour later.

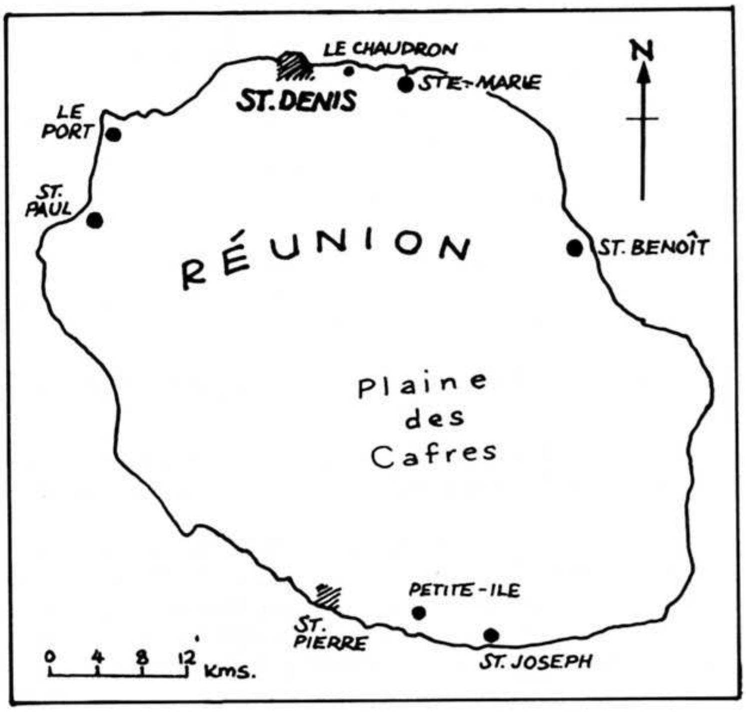
On February 25, we interrogated him again. He is totally at a loss to explain why he falls unconscious whenever he revisits the spot. When he falls unconscious when he gets there, he still hears the *beeping* noise and has to try to plug his ears. He states that he had never heard anyone mention the flying saucer that was seen on the Plaine des Cafres in 1968, and says he never reads or looks through science fiction magazines.

XI — Further Supportive Material

A: Monsieur Guy Pothin testified that at about 10.00 p.m. on February 10, 1975, at Petite Ile, he had seen a very bright object come up out of the sea[6] and fly overhead very fast. He had watched this object for a considerable time, and had spoken to his brother about it, but he had never mentioned it to Antoine Séverin (with whom he worked).

B: On February 14, 1975 (date of Séverin's experience) Monsieur Maxime Assaby, a hairdresser in Saint-Denis, claimed to have seen, between 7.00 and 7.30 p.m., three lights high in the sky over Sainte-Marie, which lies 8 kms to the east of Saint-Denis. At first the lights were stationary. Then they moved away westwards, towards Cape Bernard (3 kms to the west of Saint-Denis.) The colour of the lights was white, the third one, which was apart from the other two, being brighter. Witness, who was accompanied by his 17-year-old brother, concluded: "I cannot be mistaken, because I am quite used to seeing aircraft arriving and departing. Those lights were abnormal on account of the height they were at, on account of their intense brightness, and on account of their immobility when first observed by us. They were constant, and did not flash."

C: At 7.15 p.m. on the same day — February 14, and consequently at the same time as the observation reported under B above — Mme. Colette Dayde and her husband were with their friends, the Royera family, at the meteorological station at Le Chaudron when they saw some lights, which seemed to resemble search-lights, moving from east to west, i.e. from the direction of Sainte-Marie towards Le Port. The colour was vivid and slightly yellowish. Two of these lights



were on the same alignment, in front, while the third light was separated from them. The craft bearing the lights was travelling slowly and passed over the mast of the meteorological station. It gave out a dull, scarcely perceptible sound.

D: At 8.00 p.m. on February 16, according to statement of witness Jocelyne Vitaline, aged 16, she was at Saint-Benoit, on the east coast of the Island of Réunion, and 30 kms as the crow flies from Saint-Denis, when she saw, low in the sky, a luminous ball moving slowly towards the north.

XII — Conclusions

To begin with, this "tale" sparked off a good deal of hilarity in the neighbourhood, since it seemed obvious that the statements of Antoine Séverin could not possibly be taken seriously.

From the information subsequently gathered about him, it turned out however that he is normally a well balanced, well behaved individual, of excellent character, and not given to the perpetration of hoaxes. Several people from whom we took statements said that, while they were not actually convinced of the existence of flying saucers, they nevertheless did not categorically reject the possibility of such apparitions. None of the persons who have testified believe Antoine Séverin to have been hallucinated, and they all take his statements seriously.

By March 6, 1975, the date on which the Gendarmerie closed its enquiry into this case, Antoine Séverin seems to have recovered all his physical and mental faculties. Nevertheless, in view of the fact that he fainted three times[7] when taken to the scene of his experience, we have thought it better not to make a fourth attempt, as this might still prove to be very harmful for him.

References (by Translator)

5. Despite this reference in the text to "two portholes" the sketch drawn by Antoine Séverin himself shows *five* rectangular windows visible on the dome of the UFO. Another investigator, named Baret, also sent in a report to *LDLN* from Réunion, and his sketch apparently showed *four* rectangular windows. I think we must conclude that, as so often happens, nobody knows precisely how many portholes or windows there were on Antoine Séverin's UFO — a detail which is of no importance, anyway.
6. Here, on the contrary, is a detail that *is* of the greatest conceivable importance and interest! Réunion lies away out in the vast Indian Ocean. And here is a witness claiming to have seen a UFO come up *out of the sea* and fly over the island. (Compare with the many reports in FSR in past years about UFOs seen leaving or entering the sea, most especially around the coasts of South America and in the Mediterranean, as well as round the shores of the British Isles.)
7. See Note 4 (Part 1 of the article in FSR Vol 25, No. 2).

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THOUGHTS ON THE RÉUNION LANDING

F. Lagarde

Monsieur Lagarde was editor of *Lumières dans la Nuit* at the time of Lt. Col. Lobet's investigation. Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton.

AFTER so detailed and thorough an investigation by the authorities of the Island of Réunion, the reader will be in a position to judge for himself what degree of credit to allocate to this report. So far as I myself am concerned, I will say that I am completely convinced of the reality of the sighting.

From the other supporting statements given in Col. Lobet's report (which, though few in number, would suggest that the actual number of eyewitnesses was probably very considerable) it is clear that the UFO phenomenon was already present on the Island as early as February 10, a fact which renders Séverin's dream during the night of February 10–11 both credible and remarkable. We might in fact advance the hypothesis that, being highly sensitive to this type of phenomenon, Séverin was already affected by its close proximity during that first night, February 10–11.

We may deduce, furthermore, that the phenomenon was still present on the Island on February 16, and maybe even after that, since it was only on the 17th that Séverin was able to talk once more.

As I see it, the episode can be divided into two phases. Subconsciously drawn towards the UFO (of which he is already aware, at a deeper level) Severin nevertheless behaves completely as usual, following his normal route homewards. It is the *beep-beep* that attracts his conscious attention. And then he sees the object. Whether it had been there a long time already we can of course never know. Séverin only saw it when he looked at it. It seems as though, up until that moment, nothing had yet happened. Then the *"cinema film"* commenced:— the ladder, the small beings, their movements with feet together, the flash of light, his flight, etc... And, finally, the very real state of shock which resulted from it.

If Antoine Séverin's premonition or straight clairvoyance that the phenomenon was present (a premonition or clairvoyance often noted by other investigators) can be explained by his possessing a particular sensitivity in that direction, the actual presence of the object there can be taken as a real fact. The reality of what happens immediately after that is however more suspect. He is close to the object – maybe 20 metres or so from it – when he begins to go towards it. He is thus under the direct influence of his environment, and it is at this point that the "improbability factor" makes its appearance, and causes even Séverin's best friends to doubt his claims. *"Yes,"* they will say, *"he has seen something. The question is: WHAT?"* This is public opinion speaking, and maybe public opinion is not so far wrong.

In the present case, the eyewitness is sincere. He is not hoaxing. And there can be no doubt about the shock he has suffered.

Additional information received by *Lumières dans la Nuit*

Antoine Séverin did his military service in the Air Force.

He had never had any other premonitions prior to this experience of February 14.

A study of the photographs and plans shows that although the scene of the sighting lies on a comparatively gentle slope, the terrain is very open, and one might ask the question: why did not Séverin see a large, shining object – at least three metres above the ground level of the field and consequently easily visible – sooner than he did?

The investigators have replied to us on this point as follows: "It was after the *beep-beep* sound that Séverin saw the object. Either it had landed there after Séverin had passed by the spot, or Séverin simply had not been paying attention. (At that season of the year it is extremely hot on the Island of Reunion in the middle of the day. Séverin was wearing a hat, and he was walking along with his head down.)

Of the two hypotheses, the first one seems the more likely – namely that Séverin had not seen it earlier because it had only just landed, and had not been there earlier.

Personally, I feel that an object of such a size is easily seen from afar when descending from the sky, and I feel that it is bound to be noticed if it is standing on the ground 15 or 20 metres distant even if one is not paying much attention to the surroundings, for the brightness of such a mass ought to catch the eye.

Another possibility however is that the UFO may have *materialized* at that precise moment when Séverin felt that some "irresistible" force was halting his advance.

In such a case, of course, we are faced with a problem which will be clear to all. It offers several solutions to the problem of "materialization." Either it is real, and is part of the whole phenomenon, or it is itself a product of the eyewitness's own *psi* faculties.

All the investigators, and all the doctors who saw Séverin, are in agreement that he definitely saw something, just as are all the other witnesses who know him well. So the materialization theory remains a valid one. But, all the same, everybody seems surprised that he should have noticed so much detail.

If Séverin's *psi* faculties played a role in the affair, then this would have been after the contact had already taken place. Which brings us back to the whole thorny problem of contact.

All in all a highly interesting case, from every angle, and perfectly researched, in conditions permitting us to have the maximum confidence in the investigators.

Finally, as regards the previous sighting of a UFO on the Plaine des Cafres, it is to be noted that this place lies some 15 kms., as the crow flies, from the township of Petite-Ile.

Incidentally, the latest information received by us indicates that the Séverin case has started to loosen tongues, so that it now becomes evident that Réunion, after all, has been having plenty of UFO visitations, despite the apparent lack of reports about them.

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THE SUNDERLAND FAMILY ENCOUNTERS - Part 1

Jenny Randles & Paul Whetnall

Another UFOIN report. Classification data: July 1976 Oakenholt, Clwyd, N. Wales CE3 A, Psycho, TR Level A

THIS is, potentially, a most important case. Already it has been the subject of a 48-page report by the authors (on which this account is based). Further work is inevitable, and UFOIN is planning this (with the assistance of Peter Warrington, who is to use his talents for site analysis).

The story revolves around numerous events in a little Welsh village a few miles from the English border, and 1½ miles east of Flint. Principally these are *two* close encounters of the third kind, which are said to have happened independently to a young brother and sister (although within a short space of time and distance). Associated with these are many subsequent events, including three other close encounters. Primarily these occurred to other members of the same family (including adults), but there are also events involving a girl who was an original CE3 witness.

The story is as fascinating as it is complex, and we can do little more here than provide a survey of the major points. Indeed new events are said to be occuring continually, even this report should only be regarded as a statement of the current position.

Synopsis

In July 1976, it is claimed, both Gaynor Sunderland (then 9) and her brother Darren (then 8) had encounters with landed UFOs and occupants within less than a mile of each other, and their home in the village of Oakenholt in the Welsh county of Clwyd.

These stories were *not* related to their parents until March 1978, from which point an investigation has been under way. Since that time it has been learned that Gaynor claims several other LITS encounters (before and after the CE3), and her experiences have continued during the course of the investigation (including a CE1 with animal interference). Apparently she has also had psychic experiences, and believes that more is yet to come!

Darren, however, claims no further sightings, but his parents (particularly Mrs. Marion Sunderland) *do* claim encounters, two of which must be regarded as CE1 incidents (involving psychological and electromagnetic effects). In addition, other stories of strange phenomena have been recorded in the immediate area during the course of the investigation.

Location

Oakenholt is surrounded by farmland and is close to the Clwyd coast. The estuary of the River Dee is immediately adjacent, while to the south, in the direction of the sites of the main encounters, is a ridge of hills which rise in places to 1000 feet. To the east is the industrial and steel town of Shotton and the border with England overlooked by the ancient city of Chester. Much of the immediate area is rural and sparsely populated, and abounds with local tradition. Wat's Dyke passes by to the SSW, in the direction of the main incidents, and within a mile or so of them (see sketch map of area).

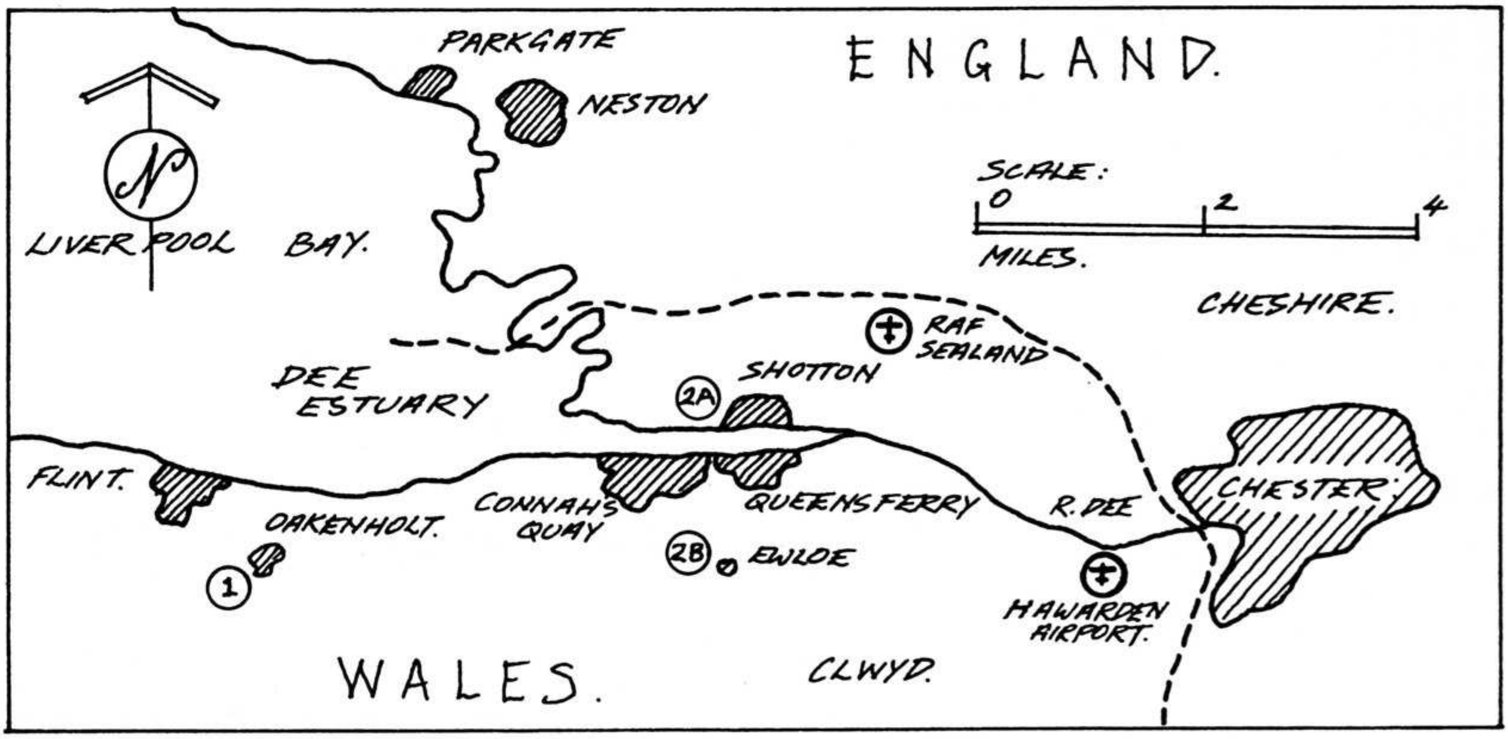
The Trigger

In March 1978 there was considerable publicity in the United Kingdom for the imminent release of the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. One day Mrs. Marion Sunderland (in her thirties, a mother with five children) was reading a story about it in the local newspaper; she had no more than a general knowledge of the subject. Darren, then aged 10, asked her what a "close encounter of the third kind" was, and she told him to the best of her ability. He then announced quietly that he might have had one of these, and proceeded slowly, and in bits and pieces, to tell his mother of an experience he claimed had occurred in July 1976.

At this moment Gaynor, then 11, was out playing. She came in briefly at one point and heard her brother talking. She ridiculed him, which was apparently uncharacteristic, and made jibes about "little green men." Then she went out again. She heard only a few moments of Darren's story.

A while later she returned indoors and waited until Darren had gone out and she could be alone with her mother. She then told her, sheepishly, that she had had an experience (in July 1976), and this she related in detail. She said that she had been afraid to tell anyone about it because she knew it would not be believed, and because she had also had a deep inner feeling that she should not tell. However, when Darren was telling his story, she got a "picture in her head" that now was the time to tell her mother.

Mrs. Sunderland was unsure what to do. She had dismissed Darren's story as imagination, but she knew Gaynor to be totally unimaginative and certainly not prone to telling lies. Also, despite the fact that at



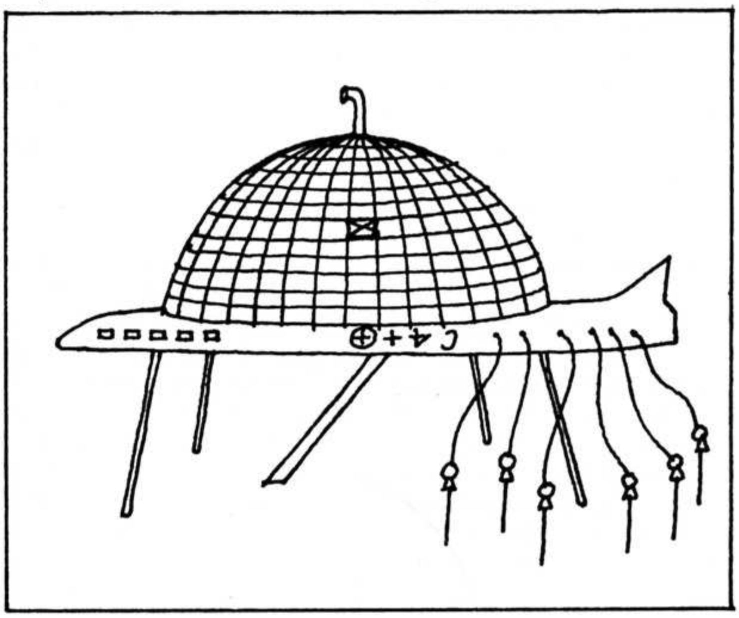
no point had the two children bee together alone, there were consistencies in their stories (most notably the date). Puzzled, she immediately called Darren back, separated them, and queried them both in detail independently, and obtained drawings. The consistencies made her most intrigued, plus the fact that both were so matter-of-fact about things, and insistent that the story not be told to anyone in the area because they did not wish to be laughed at.

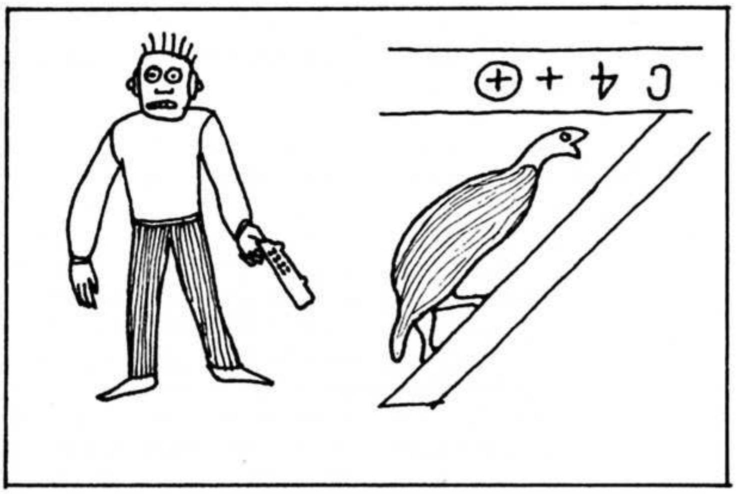
Darren's story

He claims that mid-afternoon on a sunny day, just after the school holidays had begun (i.e. mid-July 1976) he was walking down a fairly quiet lane known as Coed-On Road. His attention was attracted to a glint of silver in a field, and he went to the roadside to have a closer look.

In the field was an object on four tall legs. Basically it consisted of an elongated silver "oblong", with a kind of tailpiece associated with aeroplanes at one end. On top was a large round dome the surface of which was made up of tiny square windows. There was a kind of periscope atop this, and a coloured cross in the centre of the dome. On the silver rim (the "oblong") there was a central line of black "writing" and a row of small windows on the edge opposite to that with the tailfin.

Emerging from the "ship" and reaching towards the ground were five or six wires. These were attached to blue bulbs on top of poles about 3 feet high. There were also five or six "men" who were walking around "like cripples" and seemingly very angry. They carried "guns" that had masses of buttons on them, including a blue one which when pressed released a red ray. They seemed to be attempting to destroy the bulbs, but to no avail. This fuelled their anger. They were jumping up and down apparently with rage.





Darren's alleged sighting, based on his sketches
LEFT: The "UFO"
RIGHT: "Man" and "gun"; "animal"

The men were about 4' 10" tall and were like human beings, except that they had angular bodies and just a few wisps of hair sticking up. They wore mottled silver tops and green trousers (not unlike clothing worn in certain series of *Star Trek*? JR and PW).

One of the men seemed so annoyed that he went up to a bulb and hit it with the butt of the gun. It went out and the rest suddenly looked overjoyed and started to do the same. All but one bulb was extinguished and they simply left that one on.

A central ramp came down from the ship and suddenly a bizarre creature moved down this. It was not unlike a dinosaur, with a green body and red neck. In place of ears it had long floppy cheeks. One man made a growl, and with a sad expression the animal turned around and went back up into the craft.

The next phase of the observation concerned a human-like man, with pink face and much hair. He also had five fingers (unlike the other entities who had four). He appeared inside the dome and seemed to have trouble manipulating some controls. He was wearing a white 'T' shirt. Then he glanced at a picture on the inner wall of the craft, which according to Darren somewhat resembled the man who lived next door. The human-like person smiled, and disappeared behind the wall.

A curious feature that Darren noted was that inside the craft everything appeared smaller. He saw the entities walking past the windows but these were only about 3 feet tall. When they came down the ramp they seemingly "grew."

The observation ended, he claims, when at one point all the "men" briefly looked the other way and he ran from his hiding place behind a lamp-post. That night from his bedroom, Darren states he saw the ship leave with only the cross illuminated.

Gaynor's story

Gaynor was riding her bicycle along a different part of Coed-On Road. It was a Saturday and hot and sunny. The time was about 1.50 p.m. (BST).

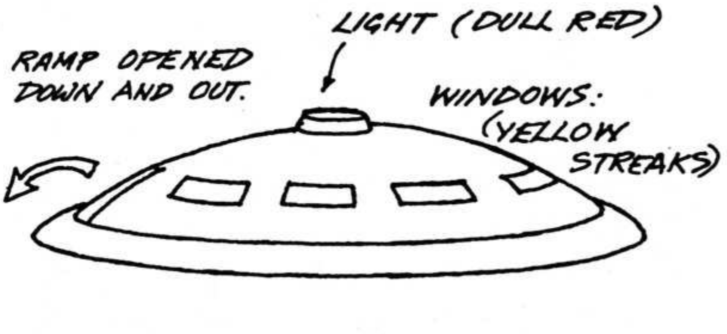
The area where she was riding was quite secluded, and she descended a hill towards a field which was below the level of the roadway. Suddenly a glint of silver caught her eye. She got off her bike and laid it on the grass by a hedge, peering downwards into the field through a gap.

In the field she saw an object which, she says, appeared to her like a silvery cigar. It was about 35 feet long and 10 feet high. Along the base was a narrow rim and on top a dull red box. Three rectangular windows were seen along the side (with a fourth partly visible round the right hand edge). These were all different shades of yellow blending into one another.

Gaynor's first thought was that she was looking at something from a carnival, or from a parade and, fascinated, she decided to watch. The thing was only a few yards in front of her (maybe about 20 yards) and she saw a dark shadow pass across one window. Assuming that there were men in it, and that they would frighten her off if she revealed herself, she stayed hidden, captivated by the strange object.

By now she was lying on her stomach with her feet in the air, peering through the hedge. After a few minutes a strange "man" appeared from round the side and it was only then that she realised that this was something really unusual and she began to consider that the object might be "from space."

The "man" was humanoid, about 5' 5" tall, but very thin and angular in the body. He walked jerkily, in sidesteps, and his knee joints were three quarters of the way up his leg. His elbows, too, were pointed and his face was long, thin, and terribly pale.

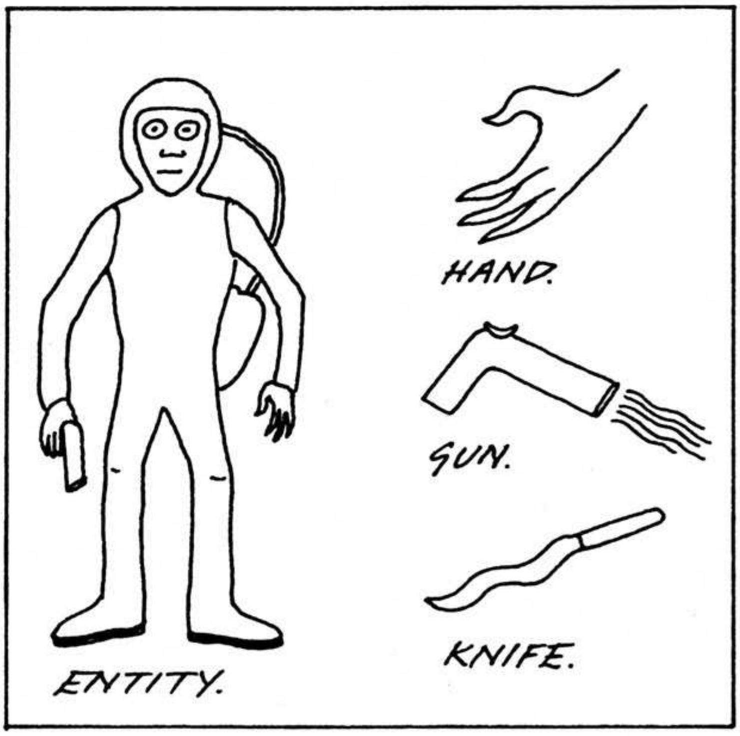


UFO allegedly seen by Gaynor on the ground

As he came closer, and remained in view for several minutes, she obtained an excellent detailed view. His eyes were very large and round. They were white with a tiny pink "dot" in the middle. The nose was squat and flat and the mouth just a slit with many white teeth. Only a few sandy wisps of hair were visible. The hands consisted of three very pointed fingers and a 'wobbly' thumb.

The entity was wearing a one-piece silver suit. At no point did Gaynor see any zippers or fasteners, and it stretched from neck to feet, covering even the hands. The boots were silver but had thick black soles (like boots worn by divers). On the head was a round helmet which was silvery at the rear – in fact a continuation of the suit – and had a "glass bubble" at the front. Connected to this, from the side, was a transparent tube. This fitted into a white, heart-shaped object on the back that Gaynor assumed was breathing apparatus.

The "man" was carrying a gun, which was very simple. It was in the shape of a letter 'L' held by the bottom. This instrument was creamy coloured and had a half moon button on top. The entity was pointing the gun at the ground and pressing the button, whereupon a "wavy" red ray was emitted, "slower than a light being switched on." Immeditely a hole the size of a cup formed in the ground, and he bent stiffly to feel it. He walked around the front of the craft making about six holes in all and feeling



Based on Gaynor's sketches of the humanoid

each one. In each case the soil had just melted away, leaving no grass, just a hole.

Gaynor had now been watching for 10–15 minutes, and she was uncomfortable and frightened. She moved her leg slightly and it caught on the hedge, making a noise. Unfortunately at this point the entity was only about 10 feet from her, and he appeared to hear the sound. He did not turn his body, which was side on, but moved his eyes towards her. At this she felt very cold inside and went momentarily dizzy. She says that she "knew" that he was seeing inside her mind and that because she was only a child he realised she could not hurt them.

He went about his business of making holes, occasionally looking at her – when on each occasion she felt the cold and the dizziness. Then a kind of whimpering noise – high pitched and not unlike a dog crying – came from the direction of the craft. Both Gaynor and the "man" looked to see a flap coming down on the extreme left hand edge. This, seemingly, was moulded into the sides, and left no gap when it was down. In shape it was not unlike a banana.

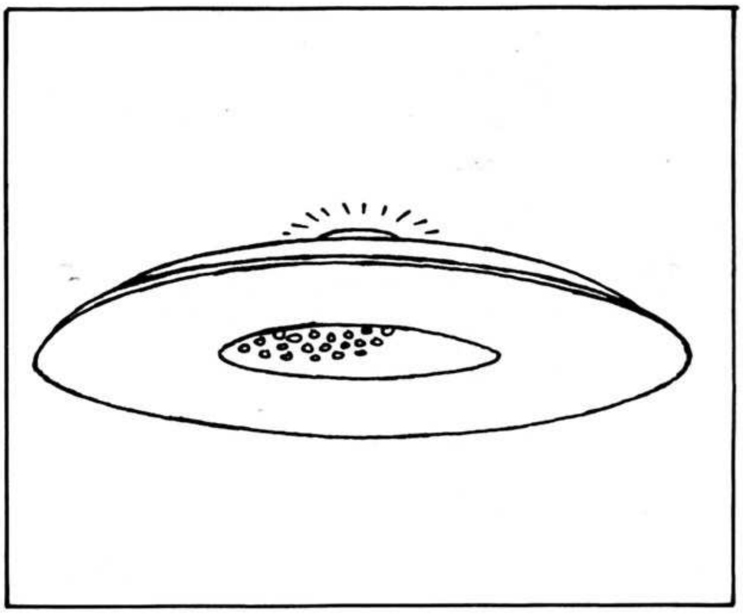
A hand, similar to the first, appeared from within and waved up and down. In response the man moved his foot from side to side and then walked stiffly over to the flap. He climbed on the rim and went "into" the flap. The murmuring occurred again. Then he came down and walked around the back of the ship and was not seen again.

A few moments after this another figure came from around the right hand side. Gaynor feels this was a woman, as she appeared to have "a bit of shape." She was very similar to the man, wearing exactly the same clothes, but was only about 5' 2" tall. She had a long, jagged knife "stuck" to her side (there was no belt). She proceeded to go to each hole and scrape this knife in them. A noise was heard, but the knife always came out clean. Several times the woman looked directly at Gaynor and she again felt dizzy and cold. Indeed she said she sensed the woman was angry at her presence and was more antipathetic towards her than the man had been.

After a total period which Gaynor estimated from her watch as 30 minutes, there was again a whimpering sound, slightly lower in pitch this time, and the woman at the same time looked up towards the sun. She then proceeded towards the ramp, which lowered as she got closer. She walked up it, and as she did so Gaynor noted the box on top of the cigar pulsing deep red.

Seizing her opportunity she fled, gashing her knee quite badly on the hedge in her panic (her mother recalls the gash). She went only a few yards and realised she had left her bicycle. In agonies of indecision she went back for it, but did not jump on immediately. She ran off down the road with it.

As she went she heard a faint humming noise. Glancing back she saw the leaves on the trees surrounding the field trembling as she smelt a slight "burning." Ten she saw the "cigar" angle upwards into the sky, accelerating into the one and only cloud thatwas in the otherwise clear sky. It disappeared into


Gaynor's UFO on take off

this (which was not large) revealing its underside as it climbed. This consisted of a circle of lights or buttons.

Gaynor cycled home at a fast pace, but even so took several minutes. She stared upwards several times but did not see the UFO emerge from the cloud. In a turmoil she rode around her house for several minutes until, dizzy, she went indoors and reported the accident (omitting to mention anything at all about her experience).

The next day, as if partly to convince herself that it had really happened, she returned to the field. Her elder brother went with her (not Darren). She

found an oval patch of grass where the object had been and this was tinged with silver. The holes were no longer there, but their presence was detectable due to the grass being somewhat greener and fresher ("like after it had rained") at these points. She did not say anything to her brother, nor did she dare venture further into the field to look at the far side of the oval patch.

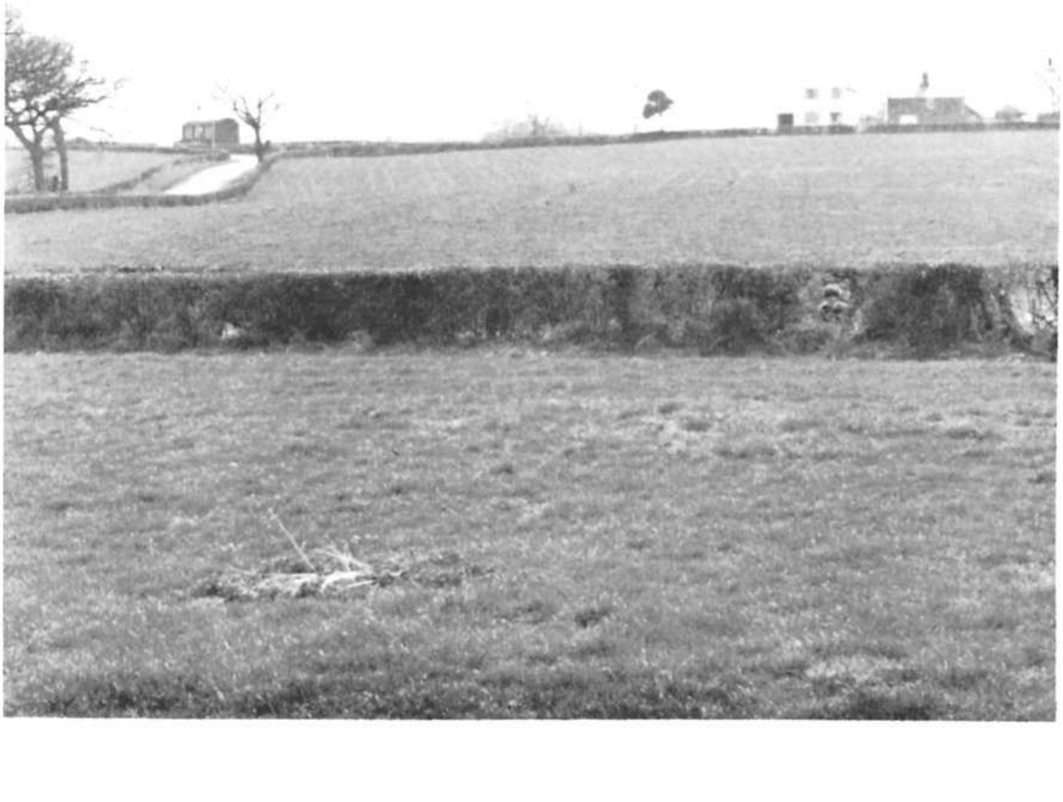
Investigation

The case was originally discovered by a Mr. Terry Bellis, a local investigator. This was following a radio phone-in programme in which he took part for Radio City (Liverpool). Mrs. Sunderland telephoned with brief details, omitting any names or locations and afterwards filled out a BUFORA R1 report form and sent a detailed statement of Gaynor's sighting to him. This was in April 1978.

Mrs Sunderland had requested further contact to relate Darren's story, but Mr. Bellis did not take the case further. Nor did he transmit information to anyone else involved in local investigation. In August, however, he gave details of the case (again minus names and locations) to the *Liverpool Post*, who featured a story on it as part of a UFO series. This was picked up by UFOIN and eventually (thanks to the help of Martin Keatman – a UFOIN member who was in contact with Mr. Bellis) a copy of the preliminary report was obtained. Paul Whetnall followed this up with an immediate on-site investigation, and considerable further contact with the participants took place when it became known that the case was so complex.

The family consists of Mr. Frederick Sunderland (aged 36), a former car factory worker who at the time of writing (April 1979) is unemployed. He is a practical man who is highly sceptical of UFOs. He has tended to dismiss Darren's story as fanciful, and has also considered Gaynor to have been "dreaming." However, his attitude has slowly changed and the events of the investigation, plus a personal sighting

Above: Gaynor looking at a hole in the hedge at approximately the position from which, lying down, she watched the UFO and the humanoid.



Left: The view from the point where the domed object is said to have stood, looking towards the gap in hedgerow, by which Gaynor was lying prone (Gaynor is just visible in our picture).

(see later), have now convinced him of the validity of at least Gaynor's experience. His wife Marion (of similar age) is now very interested in UFOs, but appears only to have picked up knowledge since the children's stories fired her enthusiasm. She also seems to have pursued this interest for genuine reasons of wanting to know what had happened to them all and why. Her knowledge is still moderate, but the investigators are aware of the possibility that she may have unconsciously had some influence on the testimonies. However, we do have comparison accounts from Gaynor dating from April 1978 to February 1979 and there is no indication of such influence.

Of the five children, Gaynor's and Darren's accounts have already been noted. The only other child old enough to have been involved with the observing of the phenomena is Carl (the eldest... now 14). He was party to one of the subsequent encounters.

The investigators found Darren a fairly typical 11-year-old boy, with normal interests for that age. His sense of drama, and his imagination, were noticeable, and quite clearly he injected both into his story. For example, when he was describing his running away he likened himself to the "Bionic Man." He also took great relish in comparing one of the entities with the man next door (a fact that will no doubt be of interest of psychologist readers!). We also noted how on several occasions he tried to show how his story was like that of his sister, in at least one major instance, citing a comment ("the entities had pink faces") as *identical*, whereas in fact it was totally contrary to Gaynor's consistent story ("they had very pale faces with white eyes containing a tiny pink dot"). The investigators consider these factors, plus the very real inconsistency of Darren's story over the months of investigation. as significant.

As for Gaynor she was very different. Instantly likeable, she has a noticeable shyness when she first meets anyone. Her interests are again somewhat typical, ice skating and music being prominent. She does watch TV programmes such as *Dr. Who* (a popular British science fiction series), but not in any abnormal amount, and she displays no extraordinary interest or knowledge in the UFO phenomenon. At school she is well-liked and popular. Her work has dramatically improved since 1976, the time of her initial CE3. She is now very proficient at languages, speaking Welsh and French well, and has a growing command of sciences, particularly life sciences. Indeed she was so lucid and helpful in her descriptions that the investigators invariably had the feel that they were dealing with a girl who was well advanced from her age.

It should be noted that at several places in the investigation contradictions of minor points were introduced into Gaynor's testimony (a standard investigational ploy). Never once was she ensnared, and she corrected the investigators in a tactful and straightforward way that said a lot for her basic honesty. This was not only attested to by family and friends, but was apparent also to the investigators.

Hypnosis

While the investigators felt no need whatsoever for the use of hypnosis, they did not prevent its use under the auspices of Mr. Joe Keeton — a qualified hypnotherapist recommended by the *Liverpool Post*. There was no indication of a time-lapse, nor suspicion of an abduction or hidden memories. The story we had obtained was highly detailed and had remained consistent, even in very minor points, throughout our investigation of Gaynor. However, there were doubts about Darren's testimony.

Consequently, when the newspaper people said they would like to try the experiment, and the witnesses agreed, we went along with this. The regression took place late in February 1979 (well after our investigations of all major points was complete). Darren and Gaynor were both willing to be hypnotised, and both were told that under hypnosis there was no way that they could lie. The truth would out — whatever it was. This, of course is erroneous but the point is that they believed it. Gaynor submitted willingly to hypnosis, and was a reasonable (not exceptional) subject. She said, the night before, that she was looking forward to the hypnosis because although she "knew" her story was real, so many people doubted her that she sometimes wondered if she could have just dreamt it. She was willing to accept whatever transpired. Mrs. Sunderland, too, said that she would be happy to find it all explained as a dream, if it could be.

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Gaynor looks towards the landing site, this time through the gate further along the hedge.

Darren, however, became very perturbed prior to the investigation under hypnosis, and clammed up to the extent that it was impossible to hypnotise him. Afterwards he felt that the "proof" of Gaynor's story had vindicated his too.

The hypnosis session was most productive. Gaynor relived the experience in detail twice (once for the hypnotist and once for Philip Key – the *Liverpool Post* reporter). She displayed emotional reactions that were totally consistent with the various phases of the experience, including acute fear with considerable crying. This was most noticeable at the last phase (as she was running away), and the hypnotist did not pursue what to him, knowing almost nothing about the details of the sighting, should have been a little inconsistent. In fact she would not have felt *less* emotional at that stage because a) the object was moving, and, b) she had badly gashed her leg and was presumably crying partly through the pain.

Gaynor made no contradictions on any significant points with her previous stories. Also she added *no* new phases, and added only a few minor details that had simply not been the subject of questions by the investigators. All in all her testimony was very impressive.

Joe Keeton is a UFO sceptic and this was emphasised by his sometimes biased questioning. Indeed he thought he had come up with an explanation when, under hypnosis, Gaynor admitted to watching a TV programme that had shown a drawing made by some boys of a cigar-shaped UFO. This had been several weeks prior to the sighting, and was not previously recalled consciously by her. The UFO described was seen many miles away in England and was not very similar to the one Gaynor saw (it was more of a cigar shape, had no windows, no light on top, and no entities were seen in association with it). However, the basic similarity may possibly have accounted for Gaynor's classification of the "Cigar." This was not really accurate, considering her drawing, but was the most recent term she had heard used for a UFO prior to the sighting.

In the opinion of the investigators there is no reason to suppose that there is any psychological link between the TV programme – from which Gaynor walked out *before it had finished* – and the girl's subsequent sighting. However, it was apparent that Joe Keeton was trying to prove the connection without success.

In this connection it is interesting to note the following passage from the hypnosis session transcript. Gaynor, having relived her experience, is taken back a few weeks to the time of the TV programme.

Keeton: What is the announcer saying?
Gaynor: Some boys saw it... In a field.
Keeton: Did the boys see anyone get out?
Gaynor: Don't know. They went away.
Keeton: You were braver than the boys then.
Gaynor: Why? (Gaynor was very puzzled by this).

The point here is that Gaynor, under hypnosis, was regressed to a time where she had not yet seen the UFO. Had she responded Yes, or No, or something similar at this point she would be indicating that she was not really hypnotised. Her puzzlement confirmed that she was hypnotised, since it is highly unlikely that, if conscious, she would have been alert to this ploy (it must be added that everyone else missed it until it was explained afterwards!)

Three weeks after this session Joe Keeton, Gaynor,

Mrs. Sunderland and Jenny Randles took part in a thirty minute BBC Radio Wales programme about the case. The hypnotist gave his considered opinion that under no circumstances was Gaynor lying. He was adamant that she was describing events she really believed took place that day. However, he felt that it was possible that she might have fallen asleep due to the heat and had a vivid dream triggered by the TV programme seen weeks before. He emphasised he did not really know if this was true. It was just a theory.

It should be noted that Jenny Randles put some contradictory points to this theory and, following the programme, the BBC in Cardiff were deluged with calls with a 100% bias towards people saying that in no way could they accept that Gaynor was describing a dream, and that they thought the sighting was the most evidential for the reality of UFOs that they had ever heard. The BBC were somewhat taken aback by this response, and say they are now considering a further programme.

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In Part 2, which will appear in the next issue of *Flying Saucer Review,* we will look at further encounters claimed by the Sunderland family, and at other paranormal experiences of theirs. We will also give our conclusions.

CONVERSATION WITH ENTITIES AT MARIMBONDA

Dr. Walter Buhler

Translation from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton

I GIVE below a preliminary account of another interesting case in which a UFO appears to have taken a keen interest in a Brazilian hydroelectric plant. To my knowledge it is the fourth, but of course we have no way of knowing how many more similar and unreported cases there may have been.

I have interviewed the witness, but my enquiries into the affair are not complete and no final account has yet been prepared for publication in our Society's Bulletin. In the meantime I am sending the text of a report on the case which was printed in the São Paulo newspaper *Ultima Hora* of March 2, 1979, under the signature of Vakdir Pacheco, which was based entirely on my investigation.

"The story about the UFO which landed on December 6, 1978, inside the security zone of the Marimbonda Hydroelectric Plant near the town of Fronteira,[1] on the border between the states of Minas Gerais and São Paulo, has already, to all intents and purposes, been forgotten by everybody – except, that is, for Dr. Walter Karl Buhler, a medical doctor and Director of the Brazilian Society for the Study of Flying Saucers.

"The event did receive some mention, at the time of its occurrence, in newspapers in Rio and São Paulo, but after the passage of a few days nobody any longer paid any heed to it and it was forgotten. However, for Dr. Buhler, who for thirty-five years past has been investigating these UFO apparitions and the contacts of humans with extraterrestrial beings, there was a whole series of remarkable points of agreement between the story as told by the watchman, Jesús Antunes Moreira, and many of the other cases on file in his voluminous archives.

"Dr. Buhler accordingly set out for Fronteira, with the intention of interviewing Moreira. But at first he ran into a whole series of obstacles, deriving principally from the friends and acquaintances of Moreira, who simply refused to discuss the affair or to furnish any information regarding the whereabouts of the witness.

"The only information that Dr. Buhler was able to secure was that Moreira – described as a steady, hardworking and conscientions employee – had handed in his notice at the Electricity Generating Plant and had moved to Barretos. But the physician, Dr. Sergio Bandeira, who had attended to Moreira at the Plant's first-aid post, recalled that 'after his meeting with the crew of a UFO, the guard was suffering from powerful attacks of nausea, and was in a pretty dazed condition. For more than an hour afterwards he was unable to stand any sort of light, and his recovery was very slow and gradual.'

"Encouraged by the favourable accounts he had been given about the character and nature of Moreira, a man described as moderate in his habits and whose word could be relied upon, Dr. Buhler carried on with his search, and he finally managed to trace the former watchman to his new residence at No. 0855, Thirty-fifth Avenue, in Barretos.

"Moreira was now working as a driver for a department store in Barretos, and completely settled into his new job. However, he showed no objection to discussing the contact which he had had with the beings from a flying saucer at the Marimbonda Hydroelectric Plant on the night of December 6, 1978.

The Watchman's Story

" 'Yes, it was true. I really did see a flying saucer and I talked with its crew,' he said.

" 'It was a bit after 8.30 p.m., maybe around 8.45p.m., and I was up in the grard-house, right on the top of the dam, because it was raining at the time, and I was anxious to keep dry. Suddenly I noticed that something was lighting up the surface of the water in the dam. My curiosity aroused, I stepped out of the guard-house and went to see what it could be, and found myself looking at an object which was slightly above the level of the horizon, about 200 metres from me, and crossing the Rio Grande.[2]

" 'It was coming in my direction, and when it got closer, I could make out that it was a space-craft about five metres wide and three metres high, white in colour, and emitting a certain amount of luminosity. It looked as though it was about to land on top of the dam, maybe right by the Powerhouse.

" 'To begin with I thought – for it was quite certainly no aeroplane – I thought it must be some new sort of helicopter, because I know that the directors of the Plant frequently do use helicopters when making their inspections of the Dam. But then I saw that it obviously wasn't a helicopter either, as it wasn't making the slightest noise in flight.

" 'Getting more and more curious, I started walking along on the top of the concreted part of the dam, but the craft went past where I was and then moved to the earthen part of the dam, it was about 1½ metres from the foot of it.

" 'I was now able to see that its colour was not white, but a light grey. It had a door about two metres high, with a little window in the upper part of it, and it had a sort of platform running right round it.

" 'By now it was only about seven metres from me. Then the little window opened, and in it there appeared a face in many respects very like a human face. Then the main door opened, and from it came three beings dressed in blue overalls with a metallic sheen. They were all very tall – two metres maybe – and with quite long, black, smooth hair.

" 'In an absolutely natural sort of fashion, they spoke to me, in some unknown language. I replied, in my confusion, that I would 'go and get somebody who could speak their language.' You see, I was still thinking that maybe – who knows? – they might be some foreign engineers. When I said I would go to one of the telephones that are strung out along the 300-metre-wide top of the dam, one of them gestured to me to step back.

" 'At this stage, I began to get scared, and I fell for my revolver, which I was wearing over my rain-cape, with the idea of firing a warning shot should it be necessary. And indeed I did try to shoot, but the revolver jammed, and would not fire.[3]

" 'At that point, one of them went inside the machine and came out with a black box, about the size of a shoe-box, and handed it to one of the others, who was the one that had the longest hair. I noticed that all of them were wearing rose-coloured gloves, which were luminous, like their blue overalls.

" 'From then on, I was able to understand perfectly[4] what they were saying to me, in Portuguese. They asked me if I was scared, and told me to keep calm, because they said they had no intention of doing me any harm. When I asked them what they wanted, and where they came from, they said they were on a *Research and Study mission*, and that, if I remained calm, I would soon know all about it.

" 'My meeting with them was broken off when one of them, using a rope with a grab at the end of it, started extracting some stones from the place,[5] whereupon I objected. That was enough for them to put away the box and, without the slightest show of dissatisfaction or displeasure, re-enter their craft.'

"After the watchman had been seen by Dr. Sergio Bandeira at the Hydroelectric Plant, the Chief Engineer, Silvio Pirolli, sent him off to the town of São Jose do Rio Preto, where he was examined by a medical team. He passed all the tests successfully – including electroencephalograms – and no anomalies were found in him."

Translator's Notes

1. Fronteira lies at Lat. 20° 00 S, Long. 49° 15 W, on the Rio Grande, about 650 kilometres to the N.W. of Rio de Janeiro. There is probably no part of Brazil where more names on the map are connected with some UFO case or other. Not far away, on the other side of the Rio Grande, lies São Francisco de Sales, scene of the famous "AVB" encounter with a lady not of our species. Lins, Bebedouro, Botucatu, Baurú, Tres Lagôas, Catanduva, are all in the same area – all places where fantastic cases have occurred – cases which have been reported in great detail in FSR in the course of recent years.
2. There is a great cataract on the Rio Grande, called the *Cachoeira do Marimbonda,* and the hydroelectric plant is in the vicinity.
3. In the literature of Ufology there are a number of cases in which, allegedly, a witness has tried to fire at a UFO or a UFO entity, and his weapon has jammed. See, for example, Case No. 20 in "The Humanoids In Latin America" (Section IV of *The Humanoids,* Futura Publications, London, paperback edition).
4. Nor is this the first suggestion, in the UFO literature, of a "black box" or of some sort of device of that kind. For example, in the first of his accounts of meetings with tall beings from a UFO which he said landed in a extinct minor crater of Mount Etna in Sicily on the night of April 30, 1962 the Italian Eugenio Siragusa claimed that they addressed him in Italian, but that it was not by means of natural voice organs (he got the impression that they had none and were purely telepathic one with another) but by means of an artificial "metallic-sounding" voice, like a tape-recorder in its effect.
5. The text of the Brazilian press item is unfortunately very vague at this point. *"Um deles... comçou a retirar algumas pedras do lugar." ("One of them... began to remove some stones from the place.")* It is not at all clear what place is meant, but, as the watchman and the entities were up on the concrete walk along the top of the dam, I have assumed that it means that one of the ufonauts was using some sort of device, on the end of a rope, to grab up loose stones from down below, at the foot of the earthen part of the dam face. This sounds harmless enough, but then why would the watchman have objected? So perhaps what the text means is that an entity was poking around and trying to extract stones from the actual face of the dam wall? If so, then it hardly sounds like a very friendly sort of act towards the people of Brazil, and it is not surprising that the watchman should have remonstrated with them!

SIGNPOST TO A PARALLEL UNIVERSE?

Hilary Evans

EVERYBODY talks about parallel space/time continuums but nobody ever seems to go there. Or do they?

Robert Monroe's *Journeys out-of the Body*[1] is the record of the experiences of a successful American television producer who suddenly, in his 40s, began to undergo out-of-the-body experiences (OBEs) in which he seemed to quit his physical body and "travel," more or less voluntarily and in full awareness of his actions and surroundings. There are of course many such accounts, but few have studied and documented their experiences as level-headedly and throughly: in addition he has been studied by parapsychologists of repute.

Monroe's OBEs took him to three quite different regions, which he catalogues as Locales I, II and III. Locale I is our present world, in which he found he could journey more or less at will. Locale II is apparently that other world, usually described as "the astral plane" or some such, which is believed by some to be where we are all destined to go when we die, but to which a few, like Monroe, are given preview trips like those TV programmes which show you where you might consider spending next year's holiday.

But for our present purpose it is Locale III which is the most interesting. For Locale III is clearly not a 'thought plane' like Local II; it is as real as our own Earth. But equally clearly, it is *not* our Earth.

Monroe reached Locale III through a hole which pierced a huge wall that stretched infinitely in all directions. After many hesitations he eventually made his way through this hole and found himself in *"a physical-matter world almost identical to our own."* It has trees and fields, cities and houses: its inhabitants live in apartments and journey in vehicles to their place of work. In fact, it is so Earth-like that at first Monroe thought he'd landed in some part of Locale I — our own Earth — with which he was unfamiliar.

But then he began to observe differences. Locale III has for instance, no electricity, nor any of the things you need electricity for, like telephones. There is steam power but no internal combustion: most vehicles seem to employ some kind of battery-stored nuclear power.

Monroe himself was invisible to the residents of Locale III until he suddenly found himself "merging" — temporarily and quite involuntarily — with a not-too-well-off and rather unhappy architect, whom he descibes as "the I who lives There." On subsequent visits he automatically took over this other man's body: he then had access to the man's memory stores, was aware of his feelings withouth sharing them, acted as if he were indeed the "I - There" though knowing all the time that he wasn't.

Thus described, Monroe's Locale III sounds like a particularly vivid, unusually detailed "dream world," which no doubt a psycho-analyst could relate to Monroe's childhood traumas, and so on. What adds credibility is that, while in the "I - There" body, he kept making mistakes — for instance, not realising that public transport in Locale III is free — which caused dismay or embarrassment both to himself and to others such as his "Wife-There."

Well, even this could be accounted for by supposing "play-acting" of a very sophisticated kind, and cases such as that of Helene Smith[2] have shown that there are hardly any limits to the play-acting of which the subconscious is capable. But... just suppose Monroe's experiences are something more? Suppose they are what they seem to him to be — first-hand testimony to the existence of a world parallel to our own?

Let us set out the possible explanations for his experience:

1. It may be mere story-telling by the conscious Monroe, either in his normal or some kind of dissociated state. Or...
2. It may be story-telling by the subconscious Monroe, in a trance or some other psychic state, deluding the conscious Monroe who then passes it on to us in all sincerity. Or...
3. It may be a vision of a real location on our own plane of existence — or on another planet, perhaps, to which, thanks to his psychic gifts, Monroe has been able to project himself. He uses ESP to visualise the place (clairvoyance) and even to get inside the mind of one of its citizens (telepathy) all of which he reports back to us as though it were a "real" experience.

Yes, one of these, or something like it, may well be the true explanation. Nevertheless I suggest that we can usefully entertain, as no less valid, this fourth possibility:

4. Monroe, thanks to his psychic gift, is able — intermittently and largely involuntarily — to travel from our world to another world on a different plane: as real as our own and broadly similar to it, yet incontrovertibly different.

It will be objected that, even if we accept that this

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THE SPRUCE BUDWORM CONNECTION

Gordon Creighton

I FEEL that I owe an apology to FSR readers over my recent article, *Lubbock Ducks over the Andes,*[1] which was submitted as a genuine attempt to report what the very foremost of minds were thinking on the troublesome subject of UFOs.

When I wrote the piece, I was feeling reasonably satisfied that the judgement of the ornithological wizards of *Project Blue Book* could be taken as decisive namely that these glowing things seen flying around all over the place are indeed *luminous ducks.*

But then, with some mortification, after the item had appeared in print, I recalled that only a few weeks previously I had seen a much newer, and far more authoritaive news report, to the effect that bigger experts than the *Blue Book* men had entered into the sacred world of pontification, and had come up with a fresh and final ruling, namely that the so-called "UFOs" are after all not luminous-bellied ducks at all, but luminous moths.

Since I am myself particularly fond of moths rather than prosaic old ducks,[2] I was delighted with this entomological – rather than ornithological – solution to a problem on which so many of us have wasted so much time since we first began drooling over the pictures of the craft which Adamski claimed to be *a multi-purpose scout-ship model* away back in 1952 and 1953.[3]

For those who may have missed it, I give below the full text of this important new revelation. It was seized upon with avidity by that most prestigious of British newspapers, the *Daily Telegraph*, and was carried in their issue for November 18, 1978, under the headline "MOTHS ARE 'MISTAKEN FOR UFOS' " under the signature of Adrian Berry, Science Correspondent:-

"Some mysterious objects seen at night, which are often taken as alien flying saucers because of their loud humming sound and bright lights, are swarms of moths, two scientists have concluded.

"They are a species called *spruce budworms* lit by the atmospheric phenomenon known as St. Elmo's Fire,[4] say the insect specialists Dr. Philip S. Callahan and Dr. R.W. Mankin in a report to the journal *Applied Optics*.

"St. Elmo's Fire, named after one of the patron saints of sailors, can be seen before a thunderstorm – when the air is charged with electricity – as a glowing halo round ships' yard-arms, church steeples and the wingtips of aircraft.

"When the two scientists generated electricity in their laboratory to simulate the effects of high air voltage, the body fluids emitted by spruce budworms gave the same brilliantly coloured lights.

" 'There is absolutely no doubt that, given the right kind of weather conditions, nature can produce a high enough electric field to light up flying insects,' their report said."

Having been born in the depths of the British countryside, and in days when we really *did* have a wild and deserted countryside! – and on a farm to boot – I found the study of natural history, and particularly of butterflies and moths, fascinating. Consequently, in a varied lifetime in which I have been able to travel quite widely, and to live for long periods on all five continents, I made my own collection of butterflies and moths from the lands concerned.

But, alas, the spruce budworm moth is not in the Creightonian, because it seems to be a native of North America, and I possess few specimens from those parts, since my years in the USA coincided with World War II, and "bug-hunting" was, in such times, strictly "out."

The critter being a North American species, we can now see how very nearly right the British newspapers were when, in the summer of 1947, they dismissed all the wild American UFO reports as "*American* hysteria."

The State of Oregon assuredly possesses a wealth of spruce forests! This, then, is what Kenneth Arnold saw when he was out in his private plane over the mountains of that State in June 1947! How well all the parts fall together into place. The simplicity of the theory stunned me when I saw the *Daily Telegraph* report.

But what a powerful flier our budworm is! This humble North American creature, fragile as all insects are, wings its way around our whole globe. Its swarms are reported regularly everywhere, even over the shivering wastes of the Arctic and Antarctic.

While in this case first credit for disseminating the new knowledge must go to the science desk of the *Daily Telegraph*, it is of course the B.B.C. who usually lead the British field in the punditry on UFOs, and yet curiously enough it seems to have been slightly over two months before the new learning filtered through to them. I was feeling edgy and impatient with their inexplicable silence when suddenly, on the morning of Wednesday, January 24, 1979, there it was, on the *Radio Four* channel... an enthusiastic scientist, whose name I failed to catch, expatiating on the marvels of the great glowing spruce budworm UFO clouds, hundreds of feet wide, which regularly belt across out skies.

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MORE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF ANIMALS

Sebastian Robiou Lamarche

MY two previous articles[1] on animal mutilations referred to incidents upon the island of Puerto Rico. The present brief report refers to similar happenings in the nearby Dominican Republic which, with the Republic of Haiti, forms the island lying between Puerto Rico and Cuba.

The following report appeared in the newspaper *El Caribe*, of Santo Domingo (Capital of the Dominican Republic), for December 18, 1978. The item was under the signiature of Juan Federico Matos Espinosa, a special correspondent of the newspaper, and was datelined Barahona, December 17, 1978:

"A strange animal with doglike characteristics is devouring domestic animals in the Batey Central district of this town, and keeping the local inhabitants in a state of terror.

"The animal is getting into the back-yards (patios) of homesteads in the sectors of Los Blocks, Las Salinas, and Nuevo Amparo, belonging to the Ingenio Barahona (Barahona Sugar Plantation) and is catching cocks and hens, ducks, rabbits, and *curios*[2], according to reports received from residents of the district.

"Senores Alberto James, Otilio Beltre, Remigio White, Gilberto Garcia and Amando Pena stated that the strange creature 'is so intelligent that it smashes the padlocks on the pens in which the domestic animals are shut up.'

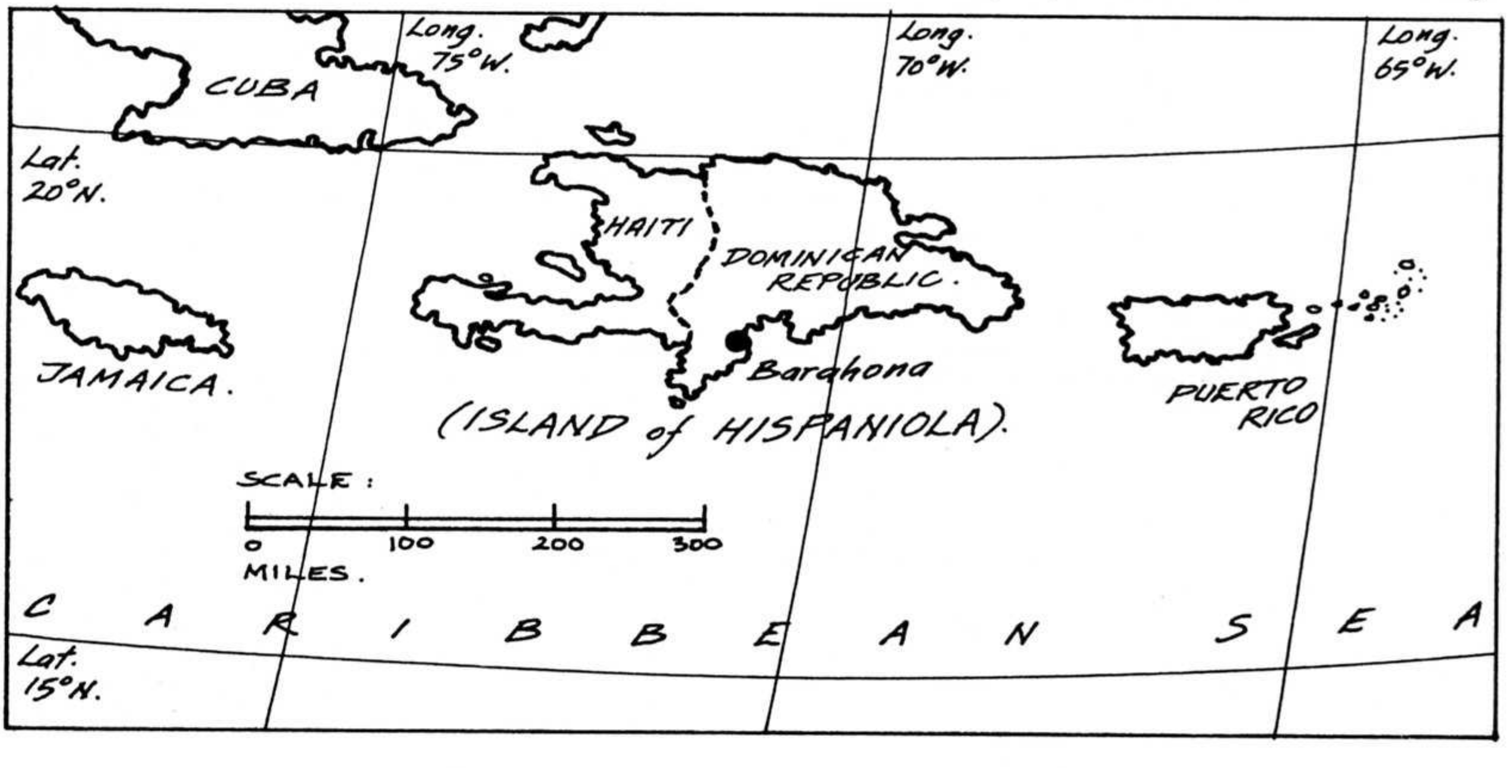
"They say that it gets in during the late hours of the night, and after catching the fowls it drains their blood away and then leaves the carcasses lying in the pens.

"The occupants of the Batey Central sector believe the creature is a *baca*[3] or *dundun*[4] owned by some local trader who wants to frighten people. They also say that it could be an 'evil spirit,' which has been sent by some local sorcerer to find fowls and rabbits for him, or again, it might be 'some witch that has broken her compact with the Devil and is now wandering around in space and reappearing on earth at night.'

"The Batey Central People say the creature is constantly changing shape. Terror has reached such a pitch among these people that nobody goes out of doors after nine o'clock at night, for fear the *baca* might catch them if he hasn't found any fowls to eat."

What is striking about this report is that all the features and characteristics are precisely the same as they were in the Puerto Rico animal mutilation wave of 1975. *The phenomenon seems to be identical in Brazil, Mexico, Spain, USA, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.*

What is notable however in all these countries is the varying fashion in which the phenomenon is interpreted. Thus, in Brazil, it is the *bicho*[5]. In Spain, they call it *a savage wolf.* In Puerto Rico it is called *the Moca vampire*, and now, in Santo Domingo



(Capital of the Dominican Republic) they blame it all on a *"baca"* or a *"dundun"*.

Now, the Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola (the old Spanish name from the days of Christopher Columbus) with the Netro Republic of Haita, and Haiti, as everyone knows, is the home of some of the most evil Voodoo and black magic practices found on our planet.

In the Voodoo rituals of Haiti, a *baca* is a devilish animal which obeys only its master, who has made a pact with the Devil.

The *dundun* is much the same sort of thing, except that some folk consider it to be a sorcerer that has turned into an animal.

I must point out that Barahona, where these cases have been reported, lies only a few kilometres from the borders of Haiti, and consequently, as is quite natural, the whole of this region (which I know personally) is dominated by beliefs in Haitian Voodoo.

Finally, to emphasise it once more, the most interesting point about it all is that these sorts of terrifying phenomena and mysterious killings are always *interpreted* in different fashions, in accordance with whatever the prevailing ideas are in each of the countries involved.

Notes by Gordon Creighton

1. See *UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals,* in FSR Vol. 22, Nos. 5 and 6 (1976). See also *A "Flying Humanoid in Puerto Rico,* in FSR Vol. 23, No.6 (1978).
2. Curios. I do not know this word, which must be a local term.

3 & 4. See final paragraphs of the article for the meaning of these two Voodoo terms.

5. One of the most used terms in Brazilian Portuguese, meaning *animal, vermin, louse,* etc. In the present usage, as applied to black magic etc., I think the best English rendering is maybe *critter.*

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suggestion is no less valid than the others, it still doesn't prove a thing. It may be further objected that it is not scientific to attempt to establish one unproved hypothesis – in this instance, alternative space/time continuums – by citing another that is equally unproved, namely the OBE phenomenon.

Such objections are reasonable. Admittedly, the uncontrolled and essentially unverifiable psychic projections of a temporarily un-bodied individual earthman are at first sight very far removed from the complex phenomena of UFO visitations. It would be quite unscientific to try to construct a firm theory on so insubstantial a base.

But what is insufficient for a settler's home may bear the weight of an explorer's tent. Monroe's explorations seem to have brought him to a world which could – just *could* – be the place from which our UFOs come; or, if not that place, then it could indicate the *kind* of place we should be looking for. It is just possible that Robert Monroe has, unknowingly, provided a signpost which will direct us towards the solution of a crucial part of our problem.

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THE SPRUCE BUDWORM CONNECTION

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Readers who are unfamiliar with this glorious sight should try to get a glimpse if they can of the cover of FSR Vol. 12, No. 2 (March/April 1966) which shows Charles Gibbs-Smith's majestic Cappoquin photo – a matchless example of the luminous budworm cloud. This mighty entomological apparition was captured, as readers will recall, on film at Cappoquin (County Waterford, Ireland) at 3.15 p.m. on December 26, 1965, by Miss Jacqueline Wingfield and Miss Lisbet Mortensen.

This being settled, may we please now pack up at FSR? I would like to get back to my latest hobby – Arabic. And, of course, to my moths (non-luminous).

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2. Except when straight out of the ovens of Old Peking.
3. Experts in every quarter of the globe have pored over the photos of the Adamski *scout-ship*. This object is remarkable on account of the many specialized purposes to which it can be applied. I have personally heard the leading American ufologists state categorically that it is:-
   a. *The overhead lamp in a hospital operating theatre.*
   b. *A chicken-incubator.*
   c. *A tobacco-curer.*

   I don't know what the Papuan ufologists say it is, but I do know that here in Britain it was stated to be part of a *beer-cooler.* How's that for versatility?

   As we all know, of course, the truth is that it is a spruce budworm in the larval stage.
4. It is nice to have some St. Elmo's Fire around once more, for I had not heard much about it in recent years, and I felt that this was rather sad. In April or May 1946, when I was back in Britain briefly and working in the Foreign Office – cooped up in the same room with Guy Burgess – I noticed one day that the *Daily Telegraph's* science correspondent had just ruled that the pesky little *Foo Fighters* were also St. Elmo's Fire.

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THE UFO/BIGFOOT CONNECTION

Janet & Colin Bord

WHILE researching for our latest book, *Alien Animals*, we have collected over 30 cases in which both UFOs and Bigfeet have been reported. This seems to indicate that there may be some kind of UFO/Bigfoot connection, and perhaps a closer look at the cases might provide some clues to its nature. The earliest case in our file goes back nearly 70 years, to about 1912. Near Gallipolis in Ohio, a man and his mother were berry-picking when they saw a strange dark cloud hovering above them. It followed them into a wood (presumably above the treetops), and as they walked on they saw a "monster" walking parallel with them. It was dark in colour, with wide shoulders, a bulky head and no visible neck. The woman screamed "Let's *go*!"; and they saw the monster look at them. It also made a growling or barking noise. When they had covered about 100 yards, both the cloud and monster had gone.[1]

Now a jump of nearly 45 years to the next case. The date is 21 August 1955, the place the Ohio River near Dogtown, Indiana, where Mrs. Darwin-Johnson was swimming. Suddenly a furry hand with claws grabbed her knee and pulled her down. She escaped by struggling and making a noise by hitting out at an inner tube held by a friend who was with her. For several days a green palm outline could be seen on her leg. When the incident was reported in the press, several people claimed to have seen a "shiny oval" over the river at the time of the attack.[2]

It was not until the late 1960s that, possibly coinciding with an increased public awareness of Bigfoot, cases linking the creature with UFOs began to accumulate. During the summer of 1966 there was a UFO flap in the Edinboro/Presque Isle/Erie area of Pennsylvania and a tall, unidentified creature was seen several times.[3] On 31 July a UFO landed on the beach at Presque Isle Peninsula Park and one of several young people whose car was stuck in the sand saw a tall, lumbering figure in the bushes.[4] It is not clear from the accounts we have seen, however, whether this was indeed a Bigfoot-type creature, since the main feature of Bigfoot, that it is entirely covered with hair, is not mentioned.

In the autumn of 1967 during a UFO flap near Ithaca, New York, there were rumours of a giant hairy humanoid being seen in the woods.[5] In Salem, Ohio, in the spring of 1968, Mrs. Alice Allison saw a UFO hovering outside her house. Inside it was a man with olive skin and slanted eyes. Around that time the Allisons often saw a large catlike animal; and something else, "big enough to be a man, a big man," but definitely not a bear, could sometimes be seen standing in the woods, watching the house. Commented Bruce Allison: "It ran so fast it didn't even look like it touched the ground."[6]

The following year, a power black-out near Rising Sun, Indiana, on 18 May 1969 was followed by a sighting on 19 May of a muscular, upright figure just under 6 feet tall. It had no neck, a black face, close-set eyes, and was hair-covered. George Kaiser stood and watched it, but when he moved the creature grunted, leapt a ditch, and ran off at high speed. Four-toed footprints were later found. During the following evening, a neighbour saw a greenish-white, glowing object moving about in the night sky.[7]

In Vader, Washington, on 4 December 1970, no Bigfoot was seen, but 16-inch-long footprints were found in the snow covering Mrs. Wallace Bowers' farmyard. The state of Washington is Bigfoot country, and Bigfoot often leaves the footprints which gave him his nickname, and so it can be assumed that it was he who visited the Bowers' farm. Three days later, the Bowers children watched a UFO for 10 minutes in the evening sky; and a few days after that Mrs. Bowers was sure she saw a shape in the bedroom. It was later found that the visitor had stolen nothing, but had gone through the contents of the bedrooms. For several months the family heard thudding noises in their yard in the early morning, but could find no explanation.[8]

In 1971 a possible UFO "nest" was found in weeds and grass near Sharpsville, Indiana, by a man who during 1971–2 saw a Bigfoot several times in the same area.[9] In January 1972 two 16-year-old boys on their way to do some night-time fishing at Battle Creek, near Balls Ferry, California, saw a glowing object swoop over their car. Later they heard a scream and, shining a light in the direction of the sound, they saw a 7-foot tall "weird thing" which seemed to have humps all over its body. The two tried to escape, but their car would not start. They eventually got it going, and as they left at speed they saw many objects, in different colours, moving about the fields.[10] Again, it is not clear whether the creature seen was in fact a Bigfoot.

Momo

On July 1972 the 'Momo' (Missouri monster) scare hit Louisiana, Missouri. Several Bigfoot sightings were made, though the excitement engendered seems to have been out of all proportion to the number of sightings. On July 14, two 'fireballs' were seen, one white, the second green, going into trees behind an abandoned school.[11] Soon afterwards, in early

August 1972, a Bigfoot turned up at Roachdale, Indiana. His arrival followed the sighting of a luminous object which "blew up" over a cornfield. The story of the Roachdale Bigfoot is an interesting one, but too long to detail here. It was the end of the month before he left the small rural community in peace.[12]

1973 was a notable year for UFO/Bigfoot reports. In May a UFO with flashing red lights was seen to descend over a reservoir at Sykesville, Maryland, and drop a large object before departing. For two weeks afterwards, there were reports of an 8-foot monster with big luminous eyes being seen in the area. Some witnesses shot at it from closer than 20 feet, only to see it disappear before their startled eyes.[13]

Fantastic events occurred in Pennsylvania in the summer and autumn of 1973, when the Greensburg area seems to have been literally overrun by Bigfeet. Stan Gordon investigated and documented the reports, some of which also involved UFO sightings. On 11 May, a UFO was seen hovering above a lake east of Greensburg, and soon afterwards creature reports began to come out of the same area.[14] As Stan Gordon commented, "There are over a dozen cases where UFOs were observed at low level minutes before or minutes after a creature sighting had been made in the same immediate area. There are other instances where UFOs were observed at a certain spot, and within a few days a creature would be sighted at the exact same location."[15]

In early August, a UFO was seen over the Greensburg Country Club golf course, as if about to land. Several days later, two dark hairy creatures with large strides were seen on the greens, one 4 feet tall, the other 6 feet. They ran into some trees as the witnesses approached; and the latter themselves took off when they saw a huge, 9-foot creature with glowing red eyes coming towards them.[16] As Stan Gordon noted, there were a number of apparent UFO/Bigfoot cases in Pennsylvania in 1973, and we will not be able to note them all here, only the most outstanding. The most intriguing report, unfortunately made by telephone anonymously to the Westmoreland County UFO Control Center early in September 1973, described how three women driving through woods near Penn saw a landed UFO, large, metallic and rectangular. They watched as a door opened, a ramp came down, and three 7-foot tall apelike, hair-covered creatures ran out and into the woods.[17]

Witness goes berserk

A major UFO/Bigfoot sighting took place in Pennsylvania during the 1973 "flap." Part of its strength lies in the fact that investigator Stan Gordon and colleagues arrived on the scene while the events were still taking place; and the whole incident was closely investigated by Dr. B. E. Schwarz.[18] The date was 25 October 1973, the place a farm near Uniontown. The main witness, "Stephen," and several other people saw a bright red ball hovering over a field at about 9 p.m., so "Stephen" and two 10-year-old twin boys decided to take a closer look. As they walked nearer they saw a bright white object in the field and then one of the boys drew their attention to two figures walking along by a fence. One was about 8 feet tall, the other 7 feet, and both were covered with long, dark greyish hair. They had greenish-yellow eyes, and were whining. "Stephen" fired over at the creatures, hitting one. The white object disappeared and the creatures walked back towards the woods. When police and UFO investigators arrived soon afterwards, a number of strange things occurred, too complex to describe briefly here. The Bigfeet were not seen again. but "Stephen" went berserk and had a form of mental attack.[19]

A week afterwards, on 2 November, a disc-shape object was seen near Midland in Pennsylvania and many witnesses. There had also been reports of a hairy, apelike creature with glowing green eyes in the area, and next day three-toed footprints were found which were 11 inches long and 5 inches wide. (One of the enigmas of Bigfoot is that the footprints found vary so much, not least in the number of toes the creature has.) The day after that, the apparent landing site of the UFO was found, only 250 yards from the tracks.[20]

That completes the most important Pennsylvania UFO/Bigfoot cases for 1973, but there are two others to note from October 1973 in other parts of the United States. Early that month Jeff Martin saw a Bigfoot near Galveston, Indiana, while fishing. It touched him on the shoulder and then ran away in leaps "... like a man on a rope being pulled too fast by a car." Soon after it was lost in the woods, Martin saw a glowing bronze object shoot out of the trees into the sky. Next day, on returning, he saw nothing, but that evening when he again drove back to the site of the encounter, he and his friends were followed by a white starlike light, and found the Bigfoot, 8-9 feet tall, standing waiting for them.[21]

Near Middletown, New Jersey, on 22 Octover 1973, a girl saw a "bear" which sounds as though it could have been a Bigfoot, since it was 6 feet tall and stood upright. A UFO had been seen the previous night, and several were reported on the evening of the following day.[22]

Bigfoot shot on the porch

After the flurry of activity in Pennsylvania during October 1973, things seem to have quietened down somewhat, only to erupt again in a fantastic case in February of 1974. A woman living near Uniontown was watching TV about 10.00 p.m. on 6 February when she heard a noise on her porch. As the house was isolated, she feared intruders or wild dogs, and so took her loaded shotgun to the door. On stepping out, she saw a 7-foot, hair-covered, apelike creature standing only 6 feet away with its hands raised above its head. Sure it was about to attack, she fired into its middle – whereupon it "disappeared in a flash of light." Her son-in-law, living in a trailer close by, heard the shot and phoned to find out what had happened. When she told him, he loaded a gun and walked over. On the way he saw four or five red-eyed hairy creatures at the edge of the woods, and he

also saw a bright red flashing light hovering over the woods close by.[23]

In December 1974 in rural Wisconsin, dairy farmer William Bosak was driving home at night through patchy fog when he saw a strange sight. It was a disc-shaped UFO resting on the ground and in its "curved front of glass" stood a furry figure with arms raised above its head. The creature was human-shaped and had ears which stuck out about 3 inches. Only its face and chin were not covered with dark tan fur. Bosak, scared, accelerated past the UFO, hearing a whooshing sound as he did so.[24]

Staten Island, New York, was the site of UFO and Bigfoot sightings in late 1974 and early 1975. Large hairy creatures walking upright were sighted on several occasions, crossing the road or wandering around the woods, and during the same months UFOs were sometimes seen in the same area, though there is no evidence which positively links the two phenomena.[25] Near Waterloo, Indiana, in September 1975 a more positive sighting was made, by a farmer, in the small hours of the morning. Looking out of a window, he saw a red light in a field, and close by a large, two-legged "animal" walking towards the object. Suddenly the light changed into a magnesium-like light for a few seconds, then disappeared, as too did the creature. As with other similar cases, it was not stated that the creature was hair-covered, and so we cannot be absolutely sure that it was a Bigfoot.[26]

Gun-toting witness chases Bigfoot

At the end of 1975 and in early 1976 there was a wave of UFO sightings in the Great Falls, Montana, area; large, hair-covered creatures were also being seen. On 22 February 1976 a motorist driving near Great Falls airport saw a Bigfoot in a field. Grabbing his gun, he chased it – until it turned towards him. As it was 7 feet tall and 3 feet wide with a "solid and muscular appearance," the witness decided he would be safer back in his car. He also saw a grey, oval object hovering just above the ground not far from the road.[27]

A week later, on the afternoon of 29 February, two people near the Settlers Park area of Oakdale, Pennsylvania, saw a 7–8 foot, dark hair covered, creature from only 25 feet away. It had long arms, bumps for ears, wrinkled skin on its face, and claws. A UFO had been seen in the same area the previous night, and there had also been a brief local power failure.[28]

During 1976 a possible UFO/Bigfoot case was reported from outside the USA. On 9/10 July five young people had a frightening experience at a mountain chalet near Fuengirola in Spain. In the small hours of the morning they heard 'deep and powerful breathing' noises, as if there were a strange animal outside. They could find nothing; indeed the noises had stopped when they went out. At 5.00 a.m. they were woken by the noises, and looking through a window saw a creature which was "very tall, bigger than the tree [beside which he stood]. And with two bright lights at the level where the eyes would be." It seemed black, "as though the thing were wrapped up in a black blanket." Other strange things happened to the party, occurrences of a poltergeist nature, which caused them to leave the place. The UFO connection is a tenuous one, in that a UFO had been seen passing over the area two months before. Of course from the description given we cannot even be sure that the Fuengirola monster was a Bigfoot, but there are certain similarities: the size, the glowing eyes, the dark colouring, the behaviour. So this case can legitimately remain a possible example of a UFO/Bigfoot link.[29]

The most recent UFO/Bigfoot case we have on file dates from 1977, when UFO sightings in the first half of the year (up to late August) were followed by a Bigfoot "invasion" in September and October. This was in the area of Little Eagle, South Dakota.[30] If any pattern can be traced at all in this apparent UFO/Bigfoot activity covering nearly 70 years, it is a building up to the hectic months of 1973 in Pennsylvania, and then a gradual decrease in such cases, with none in our files for the last eighteen months. However, we do not claim that we have tracked down all such cases, and the pattern apparent from the cases we do have may not be confirmed by other people who have followed the UFO/Bigfoot activity.

Comment

Read all together, these cases may seem like powerful evidence for a UFO/Bigfoot connection. But when one takes into account the hundreds of Bigfoot sightings, in which the other was *not* seen, then the link seems somewhat weaker. But can it be simply "coincicence" that UFOs and Bigfeet were seen in the same place at the same time, as for example at Uniontown? It is hardly likely. "Coincidence" may be invoked when UFOs and Bigfeet are seen in the same district around the same time, but even so, the more times that that happens, the more strained the "coincidence" explanation becomes. Only a diehard sceptic could claim that "Coincidence" explains those cases where UFOs and Bigfeet are actually seen together.

Assuming that such reports are accurate, and we have no reason to doubt the experienced investigators whose data we have used, then it seems that there must, *on some occasions*, be some kind of link between UFOs and Bigfeet. Various theories have in the past been suggested: that Bigfeet pilot UFOs, or are among the occupants of the craft; that the UFOs are kidnapping Bigfeet for their own purposes; that UFOs are bringing Bigfeet here for some reason; and so on. We cannot begin to judge the validity of these theories, for we have no evidence whatsoever to show in favour of any particular theory. The only evidence we have, and it is still based only on a few cases, is that sometimes UFOs and Bigfeet are linked. But before we assign science-fiction actions to the UFO entities and the Bigfeet, it might be worth considering if the UFO/Bigfoot link might perhaps be more apparent than real. Bigfoot is only one of several 'monsters' that have been reported on this planet in the 1970s, others being lake and sea monsters, out-of-place big cats and kangaroos, giant birds, and birdmen (e.g. Mothman of West Virginia,

and the Owlman of Cornwall). These have a number of features in common, not least their seeming insubstantiality, and conceivably all these "monsters" are but expressions of a single phenomenon. UFOs too have some characteristics in common with monsters, and may also be part of the same phenomenon. So might it not be more logical to assume that whatever stimulus (and there are several possibilities) causes or enables UFOs to materialise, also causes or enables monsters to materialise, and therefore they are sometimes seen in the same location and at the same time, and even, in some cases, side by side? This speculation leaves many questions unanswered (but which UFO theory doesn't!), and we do not have space here to detail the theory fully, but in our forthcoming book *Alien Animals*[30] we examine a large selection of the huge number of authentic reports of unearthly animals and illustrate the various possibilities by quoting from individual cases.

If our theory has any validity, then cases where UFOs and Bigfeet appear together could hold many clues to the nature of the phenomenon, and these cases should therefore be investigated especially throughly. The authors would be pleased to hear about any major UFO/Bigfoot cases which have not been included in this article.

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BEDFORDSHIRE CROSS-COUNTRY CHASE

Ken Phillips

Our contributor investigated these incidents whilst still an investigator with the British UFO Research Association. His completed report has now been submitted to UFOIN for publication in *Flying Saucer Review*, and consists of voluminous data upon which this summary is based. Drawings and map for this article by Pauline Bowen.

READERS may recall the story of two young fishermen and their close encounter one miserable night in the Summer of 1978. This incident took place on the River Ouse, near the village of Harrold in Bedfordshire. As will be seen from the sketch map accompanying this account that is right in the midst of the scene of these amazing events.

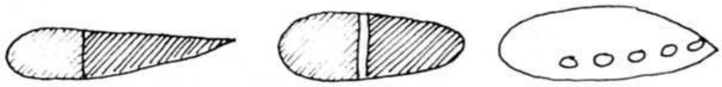
This particular story is fascinating for several reasons. Not only are at least 13 witnesses involved in each sighting, but the phenomena witnessed performs remarkable manoeuvres, leads its participants a merry chase, is repeated on four seperate nights, and involves some associated close encounter effects. On one occasion the object was seen close-up *on the ground.*

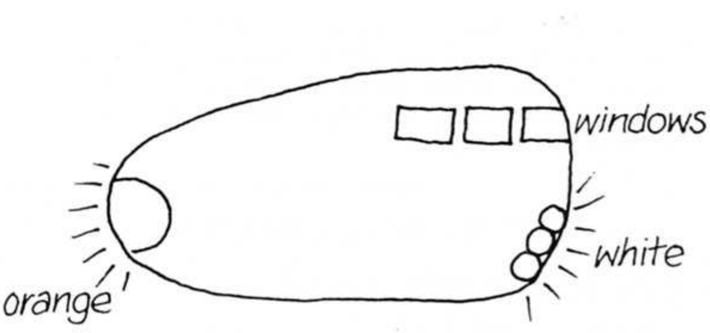
These remarkable sightings stem initially from the tiny village of Felmersham, Bedfordshire. This lies about 6 miles NNE of Bedford and the area is mostly open farmland. About 3 miles NW of here, however, is the Royal Aircraft Establishment works at Radwell. There is also the RAF base at Cardington, just to the SW of Bedford.

On the night of Thursday, January 19, 1978, we begin our story. At about 8 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. (estimates vary) a large group of children at the youth club in the village observed a strange light in the north east. This would, of course, place it in the direction of the aircraft establishment, although they considered it to be much closer. It appeared to be hovering over a nearby cattle shed.

The youth club is situated in the grounds of the Pinchmill School and the witnesses were outside on a dark, starry and cool evening. Most of the children were aged between 10 and 12, although there were a few who were older. It is impossible to say exactly how many observed the phenomenon, but there were at least 13. Eight of them were traced to one school and their teacher was most co-operative. He got them to fill out UFO report forms under examination conditions. Their stories were very consistant under these circumstances. He is convinced that they are sincere and said that none of the children involved were of an over-imaginative type.

Basically, what it appears they saw was an oval or cigar shape that was surrounded by a whitish vapour. It consisted of a red band to the fore, and a green band to the rear. Most children said it was silent, but two of them described a faint buzzing sound. The object moved to the west and appeared over the war memorial in the village. It hovered here for 2/3 minutes, during which time some of the boys became agitated. Several of them claimed that they began to feel unwell and became very hot during the sighting. Two boys admitted that they started to cry. Their youth club leader was told of the object and did, in fact come out to view it.



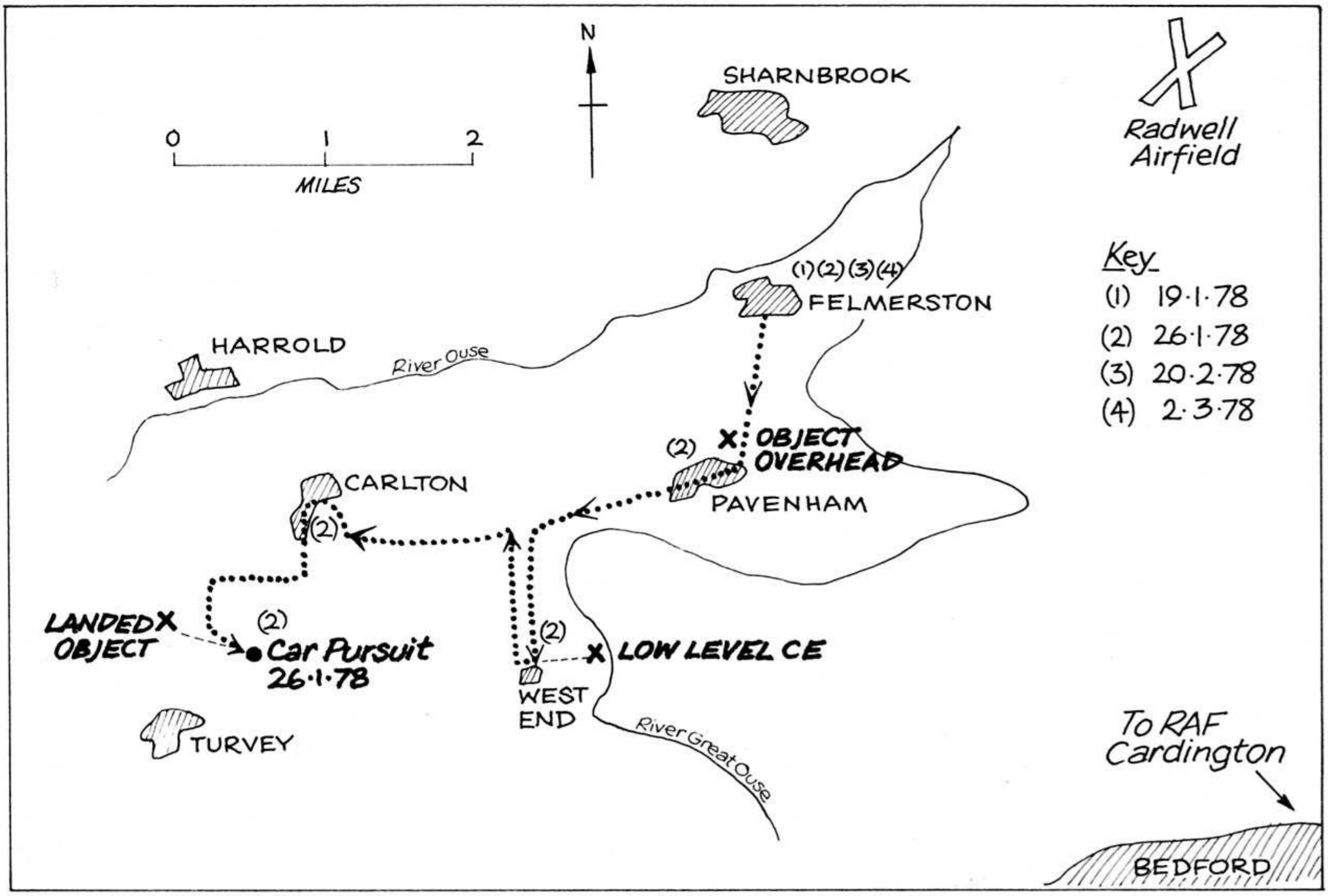


Above: Samples of the childrens' sketches of the red/green object seen on 19 January 1978.
Below: The "bubble-car" object (see page 30).

Two of the children were Stephen and Robert Honeywood (aged 12 and 17), who lived nearby. They dashed home to fetch their father, but when he arrived the object had gone. The other witnesses had watched it move off very fast to the west after being seen for about 4 minutes.

Mr. Howard Honeywood, aged 39, is an agricultural manager and a very practical man. As he says: "I didn't really believe them that night, but on the next sighting I saw the objects too."

It was exactly a week later, January 26, 1978 – this time at about 6.30 p.m. The night was very cold, with some localised frost. A large group of children were again at the club, but this time the sight that greeted them was fantastic. Over to the south west,



towards some woods surrounding the nearby village of Pavenham, was a complex series of lights. There were about eight of these moving about in a bizarre aerobatics display. They would twist, turn and zig-zag, performing what seemed impossible manoeuvres. They were orange and white, but totally unlike aircraft lights. They flashed irregularly. Sometimes there would just be a second or so between flashes, sometimes there would be several minutes when they would remain steady before the next flash.

This performance lasted some time, and again the Honeywood children went to bring it to the attention of their father, aware that he had considered their earlier sighting to be a product of their imagination. Mr. Honeywood takes up the story as they knocked on his door.

"A number of lights were hovering over Pavenham Woods. Some of them were performing unbelievable aerobatics and what is more, we could see some of the lights through the trees – they were very close to ground level. We watched this performance for half an hour. Then I decided to get into my van. All the kids (about 13 of them) piled into the back and we drove over to Pavenham Woods (about 1½ miles South South West) for a closer look. When we arrived there one of the objects was right overhead. Suddenly, the lights veered away in the direction of Carlton (west) and we followed behind in the van. At least eight objects were cavorting about in the sky and several times we got quite close, but on each occasion they veered away. Still we chased them, reaching lunatic speeds on those dark, country lanes, keeping the eight objects in view."

This crazy pursuit took them through the villages of Pavenham and Carlton, the only ones with lighting. On reconstructing the drive some weeks later with Mr. Honeywood and his eldest son, they were able to remember a point that they had previously forgotten. Between Pavenham and Carlton they took a detour south to the village of West End. Here they came very close to a very large object in the south east that was hovering over the River Great Ouse, apparently quite low. When this moved off towards Carlton they continued in pursuit.

The frantic drive over 6/7 miles of English countryside took an unknown period of time, when several stops are taken into account – but they estimate that the total length of observation of the objects may well have been 2/3 hours!

In the words of Mr. Honeywood here is how the chase concluded:

"We ended up at a place called Turvey (1½ miles south of Carlton). We pulled up at a bend in the road just outside the village to observe one of the objects that was hovering by a tree just off the road. Suddenly this light veered off towards the village. Then we looked around to the north west and saw three lights arranged in a triangle in a nearby field. The formation was about 150 feet from where we were parked and the lights were spaced at an

estimated 35 feet away from each other (an equilateral triangle in fact). We could see a clear structure behind the lights. It was a transparent dome-like outline. I know it was transparent because we saw a car's headlights on a road some distance behind the field *through the dome*. We did not approach closer because I began to feel a certain eerieness about the whole affair, and my unease was increasing, I did, however, turn the van around 180 degrees so that I could shine my headlights at the object, but I was not successful. For some reason a kind of mist seemed to surround the object and I failed to illuminate it properly. Our unease was now so great that we chickened out. I decided to get away from the place and head for home."

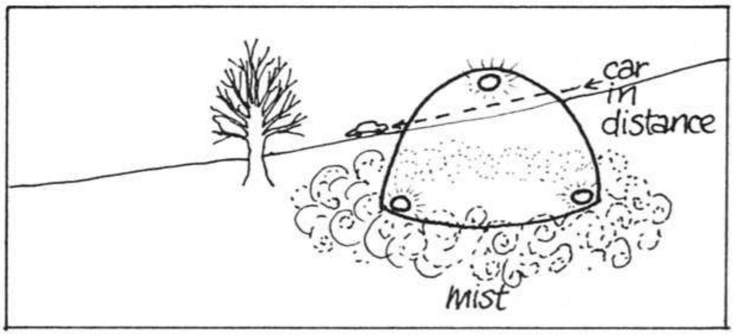
On specific questioning it seems that the sightings ended suddenly. Nothing else was seen on the way home and Mr. Honeywood returned to the deserted field the next day but found nothing at all. There were no apparent traces either, on examination. It is of interest to note, incidentally, that the van used was a diesel engined (presumably excluding it from any possible electro-magnetic effects that may have been present).

On several occasions, remember, the obect/s were seen close up. A description of what was seen follows:

"It was something like a bubble car, only larger – about the size of a helicopter. There were no rotors or fins, and it made no sound, even at closest approach in the quiet country surrounds. There was a large orange light to the rear and several whitish lights that flashed irregularly to the fore. At the top was a series of 2/3 rectangular windows."

Mr. Honeywood had spend six years in the RAF as a cook and so had some familiarity with aircraft and helicopters. He was certain that these objects were not explaniable as conventional craft but nonetheless contacted the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Radwell the next day. They told him that normally they had two Harrier VTOL aircraft that might conceivably have been responsible for the sighting, but one was away and the other was "on the ground in pieces." They had nothing in the air that could account for the observations. In addition they noted, "Our radar was off last night – the first time this has happened in months."

Slowly the incidents were forgotton by the village, as life returned to normal but Mr. Honeywood and his family remained alert. At 6.30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 1978 they had an even closer encounter. This time Mr. and Mrs. Honeywood, plus all four of their children (three sons and one daughter) saw it.



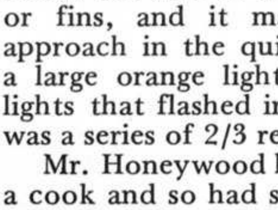
A clear structure but transparent ...

The aeroform, precisely like the ones they had previously seen close up, glided right over their house. It was low and very large and, again, totally silent. One additional feature to this encounter was that as it passed overhead both sound and vision were lost temporarily from their television set in the house.

So far as has been ascertained there were no other witnesses to any of these incidents, which is in itself unusual. These also appear to have been the last time that the Honeywoods observed strange phenomena. However, there is an interesting sequel.

On Thursday, March 2, 1978, Mr. Honeywood and his eldest son had travelled to my home in Milton Keynes to be interviewed. Whilst they were away from the village all the children at the youth club again claim to have seen four or five cigar-shaped lights hover and then shoot off. Mr. Honeywood notified me of this immediately on his return home at 10.30, an hour and a half after the sighting. I called RAF Cardington who said they had no aircraft flying at the time, but did have a tethered balloon. This, however, was hovering at 250 feet and since the airfield is about 8 miles south east of Felmersham they considered it highly unlikely that it would even be possible to see it from there. Radwell was closed and the only other potential source of aircraft, USAF Upper Heyford (34 miles south south west) had no aircraft in the area at that time.

I did, of course, check aerial sources for all previous sighting dates but found nothing at all. Radwell had no explanation for any of the sightings and in fact had nothing flying *at all* on January 19th. On the other dates they had only Devons, Nimrods and BAC 1-11's in flight all day. There was nothing



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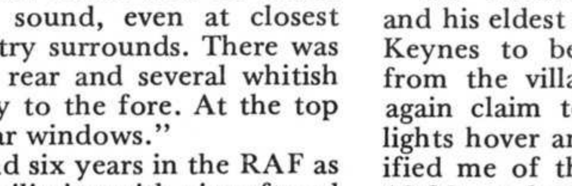

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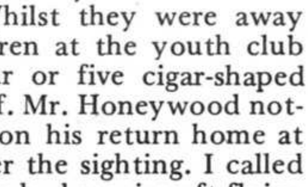

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performing low level aerobatics amidst Pavenham Woods on January 26th.

The investigator found several straight line alignments on the OS Map of the area, including one that passed through the landing site. This in fact is only about one mile from the close encounter at the village of Harrold, reference earlier in the article.

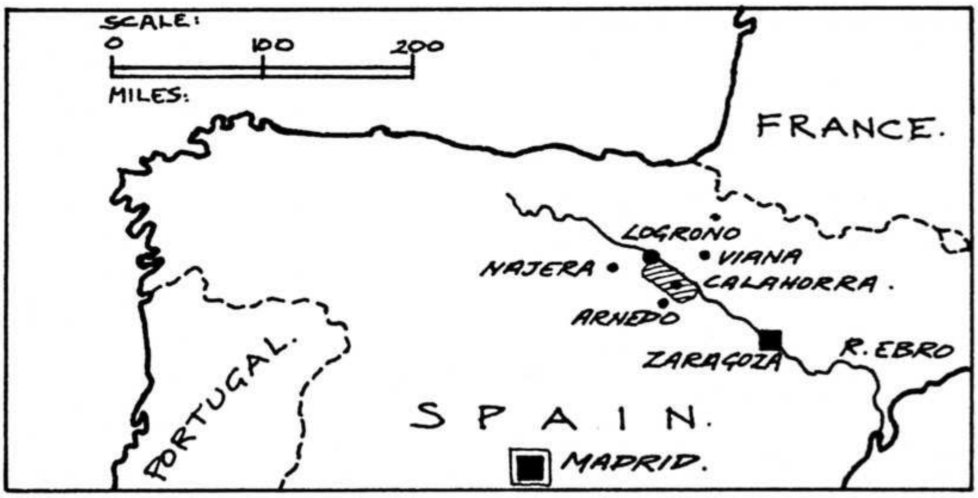
It is the opinion of the investigator that the witnesses observed a very peculiar nocturnal phenomenon which reappeared on at least two subsequent occasions. Its nature is unknown.

OTHER REPORTS OF UFOs NEAR LAS BARDENAS REALES

Gordon Creighton

IN a previous article[1] I have already given an account of the important case at the Spanish Air Force's polygonum at Las Bardenas Reales, where a UFO was seen to touch down briefly at about 11.00 p.m. on January 3, 1975.

The Madrid newspaper *ABC* of January 7, 1977, carried a further report about past UFO activity in the same area, namely the district of La Rioja (running from the town of Logroño along a strip on the south side of the River Ebro eastwards towards the big Spanish Air Force base at Recajo). This is the same area in which the Las Bardenas Firing Range lies (see map).



Shaded area shows approximate positions of Recajo Air Force Base and Las Bardenas Reales firing Range

The article consists of a résumé of nine previous UFO happenings in the La Rioja district, which occurred between August 1970 and December 1976. The details of these cases are as follows:-

1. August 27, 1970 In the early morning, near a football field at Las Gaunas, numerous witnesses observed a very bright blue luminous object which appeared briefly and then vanished among the trees. The object was spherical and emitted a beam of light. It was seen to be travelling against the prevailing wind.

2. At 2.00 a.m. on June 22, 1972, a student was listening to the radio at Logroño when an aluminium-coloured egg-shaped object some 30 – 40 cms. long silently entered his room and came to a halt about two metres above the floor, in front of him. On his tape-recorder the student secured curious sounds which technical experts have been unable to identify, and a beam of light some 5 cms wide was seen by the student to emerge from the UFO and play upon his transistor radio and his tape-recorder.[2]

3. At precisely the same time, i.e. 2.00 a.m. on June 22, 1972, a squad of soldiers on guard duty at the Recajo Air Force Base some 10 kms to the east of Logroño heard a loud noise of what seemed to be some powerful engine, and observed a machine, bathed in a great glow of light, flying at a staggering speed over the landing strip of the base. As the soldiers were unable to quit their posts they remained there until relieved at 2.30 a.m. The UFO was still flying around above them and continued to do so until 2.45 a.m. when it vanished. The number of men who saw it comprised two corporals and five enlisted men.

The UFO, which was very low, was shaped like a large cylinder. In fact it flew so low that the soldiers were obliged several times to throw themselves flat on the ground as it passed above them. A report on the sighting was forwarded from the Recajo Air Force Base to the Headquarters of the Third Air Force Zone, in Zaragoza.

4. March 23, 1974. A resident of Arnedo, who refused to give his name to the press, reported that he was driving his car along the Arnedo-Calahorra road (some 40 kms from Logroño) when he had three sightings of a luminous flying object.

5. November 28th 1974. A party of young men were travelling by car at dusk from Logroño to Viana (ten kms from the Recajo Air Base) when their engine suddenly failed, although the petrol tank was full. A luminous beam was projected down on to the car, as though for the purpose of inspecting it. The men returned to Logroño and refused to give press interviews or reveal their names.

6. October 29, 1974. At 6.00 p.m. ten children from the school at Arrubal (4 kms from the Recajo Air Base) observed a silent, silvery-coloured craft with orange lights which was moving in a zigzag fashion and then halted for about one minute. The machine was elongated in shape, and the children claimed that it bore some kind of inscription.

The report included the names of all ten children.

Inscription on UFO allegedly seen by ten children near Recajo Spanish Air Force Base (item 6).

7. Early June 1967, A number of girls from Logroño were returning home from sitting an examination in Madrid. As they were travelling along the Burgos-Logroño road, on the section between Najera and Logroño, their car was pursued for several kilometers by a bright, shining object.

8. December 30, 1976. Anastasio Martínez, nightwatchman at a tobacco processing works at Arrubal, was returning to his home in Logroño at about 2.10 p.m., when he saw, on the road ahead, an oval-shaped machine which emitted a trail about ten metres long and greenish and orange-coloured. He said he estimated the width of the craft at about 5 metres.

9. December 30, 1976. At 1.15 a.m. on the same day, José Maria Satrústegui, driver of a milk-truck and living at Villava, accompanied by his son Miguel, was on the road at a place some 40 kilometers from the Recajo Air Base when they saw a big, luminous, yellow craft emitting vivid beams of coloured light and a green trail.

All these, and many other minor cases, had already been mentioned in the Rioja edition of the newspaper *La Gaceta del Norte* over the period 1970–1976, and are now reprinted in summarized form in the Madrid paper *ABC*. It is evident that this whole region around Logroño and the Spanish Air Force's base at Recajo, and their firing range at Las Bardenas Reales, has been one of the principal foci of UFO activity in Spain for many years past. As I have already reported,[3] the Spanish Air Ministry has now embarked upon a policy of quietly "leaking" their best UFO cases to the journalist and UFO investigator J.J. Benitez. We may assume that this steady pattern of phenomena in the regions along the southern bank of the river Ebro has probably been one of the factors underlying their decision to "come clean about the UFOs."

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3. See *The Spanish Government opens its Files,* (FSR, Vol. 23, No. 3, 1977).

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

To the Friends of William Daniel

Dear Mr. Bowen, – Bill Daniel's mother, Mrs. E. K. Daniel, requested that I write you about the following. As you know, Bill was greatly interested and involved in the study of the UFO phenomenon. Perhaps no one devoted more time to the gathering of UFO literature and in keeping up with the UFO situation that did Bill. His physical disability, unfortunately, prohibited him from field investigation and from travel, but within the confines of his abilities, he made a splendid and largely un-paralleled contribution.

Bill left a voluminous library of UFO materials and requested that his library be donated to the Center for UFO Studies, with which organization he had long been associated, feeling that his library would be put to the best possible use in that manner. We at the Center are honored to accept this gift and in recognition of his action, the library of the Center will henceforth be called the William Daniel Memorial Library.

With the full concurrence of his parents, we are establishing the William Daniel Memorial Fund to make possible the proper housing of the library and its extension. We hope that his many friends will recognize that there is no better way of honoring his memory than making a contribution to the William Daniel Memorial Library Fund.

Since the Center for UFO Studies is a not-for-profit corporation, contributions are tax-deductible, an important point these days. The size of the contribution does not matter as much as the thought that goes with it and any and all sums will be applied to the growth and housing of the William Daniel Memorial Library.

Sincerely,
J. Allen Hynek
Center for UFO Studies,
1609 Sherman Avenue,
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Evanston, Illinois 60201
June 18, 1979

Animals and UFOs

Dear Sir, – I found Ian Cresswell's article "UFO frightens a dog" quite enthralling (FSR Vol 24, No. 5) since it raises a number of points I have further to found somewhat confusing.

Firstly, Mr. Cresswell states that the dog "was sitting at his feet munching a sandwich..."

Now to me this suggests that the animal had previously shown no signs of inappetence, since the symptoms of any animal "going off its food" is frequently indicative of incipient illness. In other words, the fact that the creature appears to have enjoyed its meal could perhaps eliminate any possible incubative period of disease such as distemper or hard pad.

Secondly, the dog "started to snarl and whimper, and took off..." which action apparently coincides with the appearance of the UFO from the "large fluffy white cloud." I feel therefore, that one can legitimately query as to what rationale inclined the dog to comprehend that the alien visitor was "not of this world." Ultrasonic sound perhaps?

On his return home, Mr. Cresswell found the dog "still barking... and in a matter of weeks was dead." The only clue we can find here was that the dog "started to degenerate into fits, and died shortly after." But if the illness "was precipitated by the experience." by what modus operandi was this achieved? Recognition and fear of the unknown?

There are of course many canine diseases where fits and convulsions form a major part of the syndrome as a whole, but in this case I have the feeling that up to the time of the appearance of the UFO, the animal had been quite normal.

This does not therefore sound to me like a case of epilepsy, meningitis, or encephalitis, all of which exhibit a convulsive state, so one can only conclude that perhaps some form of radiation might be involved.

But if this is the case, why was not the young man himself involved?

Had a postmortem been instituted immediately after the dog's death, who knows what might have been found?

However, this is just one aspect of the many puzzling, intriguing facts we are currently finding when we deal with UFO/animal contact.

I have endeavoured to deal with this in our forthcoming book *The Dyfed*

THE HOUSE OF LORDS UFO STUDY GROUP

THE second meeting of the Study Group was held in a Committee Room at the House of Lords on July 10, 1979. The first meeting had been an inaugural one, and on this second occasion the honour of being the first guest speaker invited to address the group fell to Mr. Charles Bowen, Editor of *Flying Saucer Review.*

The Chairman was the Earl of Clancarty, and among other peers present were the Earl of Ilchester, who is Honorary Secretary of the group, the Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Earl of Kimberley, Lord Renwick, Lord Hill-Norton and Baroness Ward. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton is a former Chief of Defence Staff.

The talk took the form of a general introduction to the subject and covered the first modern publicity for "flying saucers" in the years from 1947, publicity which had adverse effects on the scientific fraternity and which led, ultimately, to the official debunking of UFO reports; the "wave" phenomenon; the concept of orthoteny; pre-1947 and possible prehistoric UFO symbolism; the 1974 broadcast by the French Minister of Defence; close encounters and the humanoids – with selected examples. The meeting concluded with a number of interesting questions.

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OUR CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mr. Charles H. Gibbs-Smith, MA, FMA, Hon. Companion RAeS, FRSA, a director and editorial consultant of *Flying Saucer Review,* who returned earlier this year from the United States of America, after completing his 1978 term of office as the first Lindbergh Professor of Aero-Space History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

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Enigma, (R. Jones-Pugh and F. W. Holiday) to be published by Faber & Faber, Ltd., in October 1979, since in the case described by Mr. Cresswell "a connection does seem apparent..."

Incidentally, those readers who are aware of Holiday's scientific involvement in the search for the Loch Ness Monster will doubtless regret to learn that he died recently.

Yours kindly,
R. Jones-Pugh. M.R.C.V.S.
Parkland Place
St. Brides View
Roch
Haverfordwest
Pembrokeshire.
April 14th, 1979

[The sad news of Ted Holiday's death was given in FSR Vol. 24, No. 6 —EDITOR]

Project UFO series

Dear Sir,— I thought your readers who do not live in the Granada TV area, might be interested to know that this company is screening the American production of the *Project UFO* series.

Each episode is a dramatised version of one of the classic cases from the "Blue Book" files, with locations and characters subtly altered so that presumably, no permission is required from the original witnesses. The first few episodes so far shown have included just about recognisable versions of the Mantell case, the Socorro landing and the Kelly Hopkinsville "demons" sighting.

The series is based around "Blue Book" and is reasonably authentic, with the two air force officers taking a neutral stance and, in the background, hinting at their true belief in UFOs. A rather remarkable statement made in a recent episode will hardly be believed by ufologists. When advised that the witnesses did not like their story being ridiculed, the major in charge replied "Project Blue Book was set up to *prove* that UFOs exist." (!)

The special effects look rather as though they were made on a budget of 20p, but the programmes do give some interesting insights into the sociology of UFOs. Also quite often explanations are put forward that do a good job in showing how many different things can be misinterpreted as a UFO (we have so far had ball lightning, temperature inversions and moon reflections off clouds).

It is hardly in the 'CE III K' league, but at least it is good fun. So how about contacting your local TV station to see if you can persuade them to get the tapes of the shows from Granada. Come to think of it those of you in the Granada area might care to question their opinion that these are children's programmes since they screen them between 4.20 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. on a Thursday — thus making them inaccessable to many who would be very keen to watch.

Yours sincerely,
Jenny Randles,
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May 30, 1979

The New Zealand airborne movie

I must confess that I was somewhat surprised when, one day earlier in the summer, I answered the telephone and was greeted by a person who announced himself as Davy Crockett. The accent of the caller was patently "Down under" and this was confirmed when the gentleman explained that he was the cameraman who shot the famous UFO movie from an aircraft off New Zealand at the end of December 1978, and that he was here on a business trip, hoping to sell his film.

During our conversation I mentioned the "gyrating" aircraft instrument which had been seen on video tapes, and that it was suggested this had been the 'plane's compass. This appeared to be news to Mr. Crockett who felt it wasn't the compass, but probably the fuel gauge. I suggested he should visit me, to which he agreed. He gave me his telephone number, but that was the last I heard from him, and he did not respond to phone calls which I made to his hotel.

Mr. Ridpath, however, was luckier than I, and a copy of his letter is printed below — EDITOR.

Gyrating instrument

Dear Mr. Bowen,

The editorial of the March 1979 FSR discusses the famous New Zealand UFO film shot from an Argosy aircraft, and widely shown on TV. Reference is made to a suggestion that part of the film shows the aircraft's compass "gyrating in an unusual manner," thereby implying that electromagnetic effects were associated with the UFO. Such behaviour of a compass would be a surprising and alarming occurrence in the middle of an airborne UFO encounter, and it is odd that there is no mention of it in the report from the pilot, his crew, or the journalists. The problem was solved by the man who took the film, David Crockett, during a recent visit to London. The spinning dial seen on the film was the aircraft's fuel gauge. Pilot Bill Startup was in fact watching specifically for any unusual behaviour of his instruments, but none was noted.

There was no interference with radio communications nor with the aircraft engines during the encounter. Therefore there is no evidence of any electromagnetic effects associated with the New Zealand UFO.

Sincerely,
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